

DU teachers demand increase in allocation for research

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DHAKA University teachers on Saturday demanded that the government increase more budgetary allocation for research.

During the DU annual budget session for the fiscal 2015-2016 at the university senate, they also reiterated their demand for introducing a separate pay scale for public university teachers.

Dhaka University Teachers Association general secretary ASM Maksud Kamal said the public university teachers in neighbouring countries received more facilities than Bangladeshi teachers.

Moreover, they had separate pay scale which had been ignored here for last 40 years, he said, adding that it was a discrimination against

the university teachers.

Teachers said that they were unable to conduct sufficient researches due to inadequate budgetary allocations. And this might be the reason why Dhaka University could not manage to secure a place on the list of top Asian universities.

They also alleged that the budgetary allocation for research was very poor and it decreased gradually which is one of the main reasons for the declining number of university teachers having PhD degree in recent years.

In the proposed budget only 12.99 per cent of total allocation was kept for education and research sector that was 9.68 per cent in the last year.

DU treasurer Kamal Uddin placed the budget with vice-chancellor AAMS Are-

fin Siddique in the chair.

The total budget for the fiscal year 2015-16 is estimated at Tk 425.00 crore which were Tk 373.00 crore last year.

The University Grants Commission is expected to provide 371.15 crore while Tk 39.00 crore will come from the internal income of the university.

However, Tk 250.53 crore has been allocated for the salaries of the teachers, officials and employees and also 70.00 crore as their pension facilities where Tk 240.71 crore was allocated for the salaries and 55.00 crore for their pensions last year.

The rest of the budget would be expanded for the cost of repairing, preservation and maintenance for the university.