

## JU environmental sciences dept demands transfer to new building

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Teachers and students of the environmental sciences department of Jahangirnagar University yesterday demanded that the authorities shift their department to a newly constructed building, a move they claimed was supposed to take place a year ago.

Several hundred teachers and students of the department brought out a silent procession on the campus and handed over a memorandum to Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam in this regard.

At a press conference later, Prof Khabir Uddin of the department said the university authorities decided in 2002 that a new building would be constructed for three departments -- computer science and engineering, geological science and environmental sciences.

The authorities in 2012 finalised that as soon as the construction works of the building finished, the departments would be moved there.

However, the work was completed early 2014 but the environmental sciences

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department has not yet been shifted there, added Prof Khabir.

"The other two departments have already been moved," he said.

He said the current building they are in is

too small. The building has neither an exam hall nor a conference room and only has a makeshift library and laboratory.

Contacted, the VC said they would take action soon to resolve the problem.