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At present the country has the following universities: Dhaka (established in 1921), Rajshahi (1953), Chittagong (1966), Jahangirnagar (1970), the Bangladesh Agricultural University Mymensingh (1961), the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka (1962), and Bangladesh Islamic University (1985). The University of Dhaka was an attempt to give effect to the recommendations of the Sadler's Commission, and was, between 1921 and 1947, a teaching university making provision for accommodation for students. Since 1947 the first three universities have had the

A well-stocked and up-to-date library is a sine qua non for every modern university. It is the central workshop of the university which provides the

The collection of books at Rajshahi University total 2.5 lac. The Agricultural University Library started with a miniature collection of 5,000 volumes of the then East Pakistan College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, and at present the total number of volumes is about 200 thousand. The University of Engineering and Technology Library was established as a school library in 1876 and now it has a collections of 86,839 books, 12,000 bound journals and 212 current titles. The foundation stone of the Chittagong University Library was laid in 1960 with only 300 volumes and at present the number is about 1,04,157. Jahangirnagar University Library started in 1970 and at present it has a total number of 52,682 volumes and newly founded

A national plan for the development of university libraries is imperative under the present situation of the universities. The formulation of a national plan should be the joint responsibility of the University Grants Commission and the university librarians.

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