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## UGC urges austerity, transparency in key edn projects

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*University Grants Commission chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed chairs a meeting at the commission's office in Dhaka's Agargaon on Monday. | Press release photo*

University Grants Commission chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed has called for avoiding unnecessary expenditure and ensuring transparency in the implementation of two major higher education projects.

He made the remarks at separate meetings on the Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation and Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project at the commission's office in Dhaka's Agargaon on Monday, said a press release.



Citing the ongoing global energy crisis, Professor Mamun stressed the need for frugality in all sectors, particularly in fuel and transport, and urged officials to ensure proper use and accountability of project funds.

UGC members Professor Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan, Professor Md Saidur Rahman, director of the commission's planning and development department Mohammad Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, director of HEAT Project Professor Asaduzzaman, director of ICSETEP Project, current charge, Professor Nazrul Islam, and officials from UGC and the Asian Development Bank attended the meetings.

The chairman directed authorities to identify and remove unnecessary components while revising project proposals and to align spending with government priorities.

He also suggested forming a project evaluation team comprising skilled and ethical academics to monitor sub-research initiatives. He reaffirmed commitment to completing both projects within two years.

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