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JU to place budget with low allocation for research

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The Jahangirnagar University is going to place its annual budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 with a low allocation in the research sector in the university's top policy body, the Senate, on June 28.

The university treasure Sheikh Monzurul Huq will place the budget at the session at the administrative building for final approval with vice-chancellor Farzana Islam in the chair.

The total budget for the FY 2018-19 is estimated at Tk 234 crore which was Tk 232.05 crore in the last year.

The allocation for research sector is only Tk two crore which is 0.86 per cent of total and the highest allocation for the research in the university's history, while TK 75 lakh (0.32 per cent) was allocated in 2017-18 and Tk 56.60 lakh (0.48 per cent) was allocated in 2015-16 fiscal year and Tk 56.50 (0.45 per cent) in 2014-15.

Philosophy department associate professor Rayhan Rayine said, 'The foundation of a university is research but this allocation for the research sector is very poor, through this amount, we don't expect quality research'.

He urged the administration and University Grants Commission to allocate more in the research sector to flourish the sector.

Raihan Ahmed, a masters students of Biochemistry and molecular biology said, 'Research is the heart of a university, we have acquired knowledge from primary school, if the authority don't importance this sector, there will no difference between primary school and university'.

However, university treasure Monzurul Huq did not agree to make any comments before the budget.

He said that the senators have the right to pass budget and allocate money, they have the authority to allocate more in research.

Meanwhile, a faction of pro-Awami League teachers panel declared to resist Thursday's annual budget session.

Farid Ahmed, secretary also the spokesperson of 'Bangabandhur Adarsha O Pragatishil Shikhhak Samaj' declared new programme at a press conference at the dean office of mathematical and physical sciences faculty on Tuesday.

Farid Ahmed alleged that they met vice-chancellor Prof Farzana Islam and requested to include the election of three senators for syndicate as per the 1973 act for next two years.

'As per 1973 act, three senators shall be elected among the senators for syndicate and traditionally it will be done in annual senate but this year the Vice-chancellor yet set any agenda of election as she clearly violate the act,' he said.

Terming the vice chancellor 'autocrat', Ajit Kumar, dean of the mathematical and physical sciences faculty also the president of the organization said, 'She removed most of the teachers belongings to out panel illegally from the different post, he also recalled the apathy of vice chancellor about the punishment of attacker who attack six of their teachers'.

Ajit said that they will hold sit in front of the administrative building on Thursday form 8:00am and resist the senate protesting the latest violation of 1973 act.



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