

## State of Dhaka Varsity Library

Dhaka University Library is the biggest library in Bangladesh. But unfortunately, I am constrained to write this letter in the esteemed column of your newspaper pointing out some of its fast declining aspects for which by and large the University authorities appear to be responsible. Some of such points are outlined below:

This is perhaps world's dirtiest university library (including dirty toilet — dirtier than a street toilet of the city). The furniture and stationery are too most dirty and damaged.

Nearly 95 per cent books are not properly bound or chemically library-processed.

The library is running without any Librarian for more than a decade.

Very senior library employees told me that due to shortage of fund and equipments more than 25,000 books were mutilated, torn, damaged, destroyed or lost. The University does not spend even one per cent of its budget for the maintenance and

growth of its Library (some Western Universities do spend even above 8 per cent).

Perhaps comprehensive fumigation was never allowed by the University.

I do not want to point out here that the catalogue of the library is erroneous and often misleading. There is nothing called readers' services.

Will the authorities concerned very kindly look into the matter!

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