

President approves JnUcsu law as university celebrates founding day

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20th anniversary programme held



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The law for the Jagannath University Central Students' Union (JnUcsu) election has been approved by President Mohammed Shahabuddin, clearing the path for the first-ever polls since the university's establishment.

Prof Dr Mohammad Bilal Hossain, convener of the JnUcsu Policy Committee, confirmed the development today. "President has signed the JnUCSU law. Once the Election Commission is formed and the election schedule is announced, the process will formally begin. We are optimistic that the election will be held within the stipulated time," he said.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Md Rezaul Karim noted, "I've heard that the president has signed the law. However, until we officially receive it, I'd prefer not to make any detailed comment."

On October 13, the Ministry of Education finalised the amended draft of the JnUcsu law, following a meeting on October 11. To prepare, the authorities formed a five-member committee on October 7 and unveiled a roadmap on September 17, setting November 27 as the tentative election date, subject to the law's approval.

As the university prepares to usher in a new era of student politics, Jagannath University observed its founding anniversary today in a subdued manner following the murder of Jobayed Hossen, a Statistics Department student of the 2019–20 session, on October 19.

Despite the university's founding day being October 20, the anniversary programme was initially scheduled for October 22 due to Kali Puja, and later pushed due to Jobayed's murder.

With the theme "United JnUians, steadfast in the dream of victory," teachers, students, officials, and staff marked the day without the usual festivities. The programme began with the release of pigeons by the VC, followed by a rally and a discussion at the Faculty of Science field.

"Every year, we celebrate the university day with cultural programmes and vibrant festivities," said Tanzim, a student of Public Administration. "But this year, the campus is shrouded in grief."

VC Prof Md Rezaul Karim added, "We decided to keep it simple this time due to the recent events. We remain committed to the overall welfare and advancement of the university."