



Campus Forum

Shamsunnahar Hall needs attention

Lovely

Nasima Akhter Lovely, a student of Honours Final Year of the Department of Sociology of Dhaka University while talking to the New Nation in an exclusive interview pointed out that a large number of problem prevails at the Shamsunnahar Hall.

Lovely, really a lovely smiling face with a strong personality is her parents second issue.

She, as a residential student of Shamsunnahar Hall mentioned that in her past three years of hall life she has been sanctioned only two electric bulbs while by this time she had to purchase more than a dozen.



All the students have to buy bulb not only for their own tables, but for the bath rooms, toilet, stairs, corridor etc.

Over a long period it has always been found, that the concerned authority in spite of repeated appeals paid no heed to the students demand.

Secondly, Lovely noted that the sweepers of her hall do not function normally. Because of such negligence as they sweep only once a week or sometime twice a week, the rooms are covered with dust forcing the students to suffer both mentally and physically.

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Those who are interested may kindly write to us regarding any problem which they are facing at their alma matter or any other suggestion.

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However, regarding such unhygienic atmosphere of the hall the hall authority has taken no positive step to efface the situation.

Referring to the hall auditorium, Lovely in a tone of satire said that the repairing and reconstruction work of the so-called auditorium has been going on year after year and the victim the students, as a result, play the sweet tune of 'Sareyama' from

their rooms in the morning and in the evenings.

Such musical exercises cause much trouble to most of the residential students.

Bitterly criticising the hall library, she said that it is a useless one and moreover it is kept open at class time when the students remain outside the hall.

In this regard Lovely, however, suggests the concerned authority to keep it open at night and on weekly holidays—Thursday and Friday so that the students can benefit from it.

In addition to that they should have a system of borrowing books for room uses, she firmly noted.

Absence of a reading room at Shamsunnahar Hall is adding miseries for the meritorious students she asserted.

Another major problem, according to Lovely is the un-nutritious foods supplied at her dining hall. Most of the students are forced to cook at their respective rooms but the house tutors warn them not to use the heater although the hall diet is unpalatable.

Referring to the Rokeya Hall, Lovely identified that in case of hall closing the students of Shamsunnahar Hall enjoy half an hour more than those of Rokeya Hall.

These two halls should follow similar norms and their closing time should be the same she added.

Irregular water supply at Shamsunnahar Hall is also a regular feature, she said.

Whatever may be the problem Lovely proudly said to The New Nation that once it was her dream to be a student of the country's highest seat of learning when she was a school girl at Feni, her home district.

Though she has materialised

her early dream of life, but she said in a melancholy tune that she does not know the time when she will be able to come out successfully and get a job as unemployment is the main problem of the Varsity graduates of the country these days.

Last of all, she concluded, laughingly that the hall authority should pay special attention to mitigate the problems of the women's halls of Dhaka University.