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About medical university

I congratulate the government for the decision to start the work of the proposed medical university in the next fiscal year. This step, I am sure will obviously help in strengthening the country's health services and in achieving the government's target of 'health for all' by the year 2000.

Meanwhile, I have noted one point from the report of the press conference attended by the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning, Prof. M. A. Matin. The Minister said that all medical and nursing colleges and allied health institutes would be placed under the medical university. In my opinion, it would

be better if the medical colleges are allowed to run as independent medical institutes like BITS. Let the new medical university which may be named as 'Bangladesh University of Medical Sciences' operate as an independent institution of higher learning in medical science like the BUET.

Of course, certain institutes other than pure medical department may be opened in that medical university. The idea of placing all medical colleges under the control of medical university wouldn't yield a good result. For instance, the three Agriculture Colleges of the country which are presently running under the academic control of BAU are facing tremendous problems. Hence, I strongly feel that Medical Colleges should not be placed under the new medical university.

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