

KU curriculum to be modernised, says VC

KHULNA, Aug 29: The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University has said the university curriculum will be modernised along with introducing grade system.

"Three new departments on telecommunications, environment and pharmacy will be opened in the university from the next (1997-98) session," VC Prof SM Nazrul Islam said in an exclusive interview with UNB at his official residence on Thursday.

A teacher of BUET, Prof Is-

lam has been appointed for a four-year term on August 18 as the third Vice-Chancellor of the university. His predecessor Prof Golam Ali Fakir rejoined the Agricultural University upon completion of his tenure.

The new VC said the authorities were actively considering to introduce subjects like Economics and Robotic in the KU which began its modest journey in 1991. It has now 11 departments.

The existing disciplines and those to be opened were chosen considering their importance in the present day world, he said.

About campus violence and student politics, Prof Islam said he is committed to keep the campus free from terrorism. "I'm not against student politics, but the politics must be in the better interest of the students."

He said students union could be allowed if the students really want it, but sought cooperation from all not to demand a union right now.

On quota system in admission, Prof Islam rejected the idea outright and said, "this question does not arise since KU is a technology-based university."

About the corruption charges brought against the previous VC, Prof Islam said: "I have no knowledge about it. A VC can hardly be involved in embezzlement, except appointment."

A fair rule will soon be formulated for appointment to the university so that no question can be raised, he said.

Construction of a dormitory for female students is underway, the VC said adding that a master plan will be undertaken for overall development of the university.