

## Why not at Mahasthangarh?

The Islamic Centre will be set up in Bangladesh in four years time at an estimated cost of 20 million US dollars of which 17.429 million dollars will be financed by the Islamic Secretariat. The centre, which will be residential, aims at developing the vast human resources of the Islamic countries by imparting technical and vocational education in 10 technologies and 20 trades with an annual intake capacity of 1100 trainees. The courses will be offered in Arabic, French and English.

At Santosh there is a concrete proposal for setting up an Islamic University. Besides in Dacca there are already a few universities. In the context of this, I suggest that Mahasthangarh, 8 miles away from Bogra town will be a better place where the centre can be set up. It is centrally situated and has the requisite space and environment for education. It is well connected with the capital by national highway and railways. Besides, historically it was a great seat of learning where pupils from many distant countries

used to come for education in the past. The place is blessed with the holy shrine of the great spiritual leader Shah Sultan Balkhi Mahi Sohar (R.A.) who came from Middle East to preach Islam and to educate the people, here.

Would the authorities concerned kindly look into the proposal and do the needful please.

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