

6 new universities to start functioning from July

Six out of the proposed 12 Science and technology universities will start functioning from the academic year 2000-2001, reports BSS.

The six universities will be set up in Gopalganj, Tangail, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Patuakhali and Rangamati.

The government has recently appointed six Project Directors for setting up the universities.

"The project directors will act as vice-chancellors of the universities since beginning of the academic sessions," Education Minister A S H K Sadique told BSS yesterday.

The newly-appointed project directors are: Prof. Khairul Anam Khan (Gopalganj), Prof. Durga Das Bhattacharya (Tangail), Prof. Anisur Rahman (Dinajpur), Prof. Khalequzzaman (Rangpur), Prof. Harun Yusuf (Patuakhali) and Prof. Sekander Khan (Rangamati).

Sadique said that the universities would start functioning initially in rented buildings from July 2000.

"A draft bill in this regard will be discussed in the cabinet soon and after approval of the

cabinet it will go to the Jatiya Sangsad for passage," the minister said.

"The process of setting up of the six other science and technology universities will start from 2002," the minister added.