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Medical education

I congratulate the Government for its decision to start work on 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 of the Deputy Prime Minister in-charge of the Ministry of Health & 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 were 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 BUET. Of course, certain institutes other than pure medical departments may be opened in that medical university. The idea of placing all medical colleges under the control of the medical university will not yield good results so. For instance, the three agriculture colleges of the country which are presently running under the academic control of BAU, are facing manifold problems. Hence, I strongly feel that medical colleges should not be placed under the new medical university.

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