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Work on medical varsity from next fiscal year

By A Staff Reporter

Work on the proposed medical university in Dhaka will begin in the next fiscal year with a view to strengthen the health services towards achieving the target of health for all by the year 2000.

Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning Prof MA Matin told a news conference on Thursday that the council of ministers had decided to set up a medical university in the country and a bill to this effect would be placed at the next Jatiya Sangsad session.

The news conference was organised to mark the World

Health Day which falls today (Friday).

Prof Matin said all Medical and nursing colleges and allied health institutes would be placed under the medical university.

He said an expert committee has already submitted a primary estimate of Taka 15 crore for setting up an affiliating medical university including residential quarters and dormitories.

He said the government has decided to establish union welfare centres in all the 4,500 unions of the country and 2000 such centres have already been set up. He said union-level welfare centres will be the nucleus of health services and provide medicare facilities to mothers and children.