

BCU proposes alternative means to get funds for DU

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Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) proposed some alternative means to generate funds for better functioning of the Dhaka University without increasing tuition fee and other charges.

BCU announced its proposals at a press conference held at the Madhu's Canteen yesterday evening. The budget of the DU for 1998-99 is likely to be placed in the Senate today.

BCU proposed to set up a "Computer Village" in the university. It is possible to earn two hundred crore taka from here by investing only taka two or three crore, the leaders said. Once the computer village is established, students of the university would be able to get computer training at a low cost and the poor students would also get part time jobs there.

BCU also proposed that the teachers of the university should be charged 20 per cent of their income from other sources, like consultancy, and this should be donated to the university fund.

The leaders of the BCU urged the authorities to increase the number and amount of the scholarships. Only 1.7 per cent

of the students now get scholarships and only 1.38 per cent of the budget is allocated for these scholarships, they said. The BCU leaders urged that this amount be increase to ten per cent of the budget.

In the previous year only 1.11 per cent of the budget was allocated for the improvement of the ever deteriorating standard of education, the leaders disclosed, with a call to increase this amount.

They urged the allocation for the university library be increased to Tk 3 crore from the present 1.12 crore. There are only 910 seats in the library for the 2500 students of the university making the ratio 23:1.

They also suggested an increase in the amount for research which was 90.34 lakh in the previous budget.

The BCU leaders also demanded an increase in the amount allotted for medical sector which stands at 35.36 lakh in the existing budget. Allocation for the transport sector should also be increased to three crore from the one crore 2 lakh at present, they said.