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Asian Women University Bill passed in JS

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A new bill with provision for setting up the much-awaited Asian University for Women was passed athe Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

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Education Minister Dr M Dshan Farruk carlier piloted the Asian University for Women Bill, 2006 in the House for approval aying, the decision to set up a separate university was taken to ring the backward women comnunity of Asia to the mainstream of national development.

The other important objective of the bill is to develop capable vomen leadership in various lisciplines through higher education in the world's largest continent.

The proposed university will be et up at the picturesque hill-ocked Pahartali in the port city of hittagong.

The minister while advocating a favour of the bill said, "there xists an urgent need to create and ustain centres of excellence in ducation for the Asian women inteneral and in particular for yomen from the rural, poor and ther disadvantaged populations."

He told the house that the government places top priority on a nproving the condition of women and strengthening the quality of ducation as the means for dvancing national development and desires to host and support the niversity in Bangladesh.

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A number of opposition lawtakers brought amendment and roposed to send the Bill for seekig public opinion, which, howyer, were rejected by voice votes.