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Shifting of Islamic University

Campus Report

Shifting of Islamic University from Gazipur to Shantidanga, Kushtia has caused quite an uproar. According to original plan, the Islamic University was supposed to be set up at Kushtia and therefore a site was chosen and construction began. But after some time this was abandoned and the university was set up at Gazipur.

The recent move to shift the University back to Shantidanga according to the original plan has caused quite a com-

motion at Gazipur. The students of the Islamic University have not favoured this decision.

To set up the University at Gazipur, much expenditure has already been incurred. The building had to be constructed along with allied supporting ancillaries. There was nothing in Gazipur when the construction had started. The town grew along the Islamic University campus.

If the University is to be shifted again a lot of expendi-

ture will have to be incurred anew. Mere construction of rooms and libraries are not enough. Facilities have to be made for the staff to stay. This implies providing for their residential accommodation, schools for their children, medical centre, shops etc. All these will take time because there is nothing in Shantidanga.

In the past it has been seen that when a new University was set up in Chittagong, Rajshahi or Jahangirnagar for

months together the teachers and staff had to commute from the nearby towns. But near the Shantidanga site there is no such facility. Where will the staff and teachers stay, let alone the students? The Islamic University at Gazipur has most of these facilities. It has overcome its teething problems.

It may be mentioned that there is already a proposal to set up a new full fledged university in Jessore-Khalna sector.