

Seven govt colleges come under DU again

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SEVEN old government colleges of the city, including, Dhaka College and Eden Women's College, became affiliated with University of Dhaka once again, on Thursday.

The National University, after beginning its journey in 1992, had taken over affiliated colleges from the public universities of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong, respectively.

The re-affiliation followed a directive of the education ministry after prime minister Sheikh Hasina had earlier declared that all such old colleges would come under public university systems to enhance their quality of education.

The decision was announced by DU vice-chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique after he met the principals of the colleges, at his office on Thursday morning.

The affiliated colleges are Dhaka College, Eden Women's College, Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College, Kabi Nazrul Government College, Begum Badrunnesa Government Women's College, Mirpur Government Bangla College and Government Titumir College.

All activities of these colleges, including, admission process, holding of examinations and developing academic syllabuses will be conducted by DU.

There are about 1,67,236 students and 1,149 faculty members in these colleges under their graduate and post-graduate programmes.

The university pro-vice-chancellor (academic), Nasreen Ahmad, Dhaka College principal, Moazzem Hossain Molla, Eden College principal, Gayatri Chatterjee, Mirpur Bangla College principal, Imam Hossain, Titumir College principal, Abu Haider Ahmed Naser were present at the meeting, among others.

Earlier on August 31, 2014, prime minister Sheikh Hasina had asked the education ministry to re-affiliate 281 government colleges that were under the National University with the public universities to get rid of prolonged academic life of the students.

'We are happy to come under DU administration but at the same time we are also afraid that our freedom would be curtailed,' said Sabuj Ahmed, a fourth year zoology department student of Titumir College.