

# UGC asked to halt appointments in 17 public universities

BSS, Dhaka

The education ministry has directed the University Grants Commission (UGC) to halt all appointments, upgradation and promotion in 17 public universities for the next two months.

UGC Chairman Prof. Mohammad Asaduzzaman told BSS yesterday that he had sent letters to all public universities in this regard.

Earlier, a decision to this effect was adopted at a meeting held in the ministry of education recently to streamline the employment system in public universities and boost efficiency of the newly recruited faculty members.

The meeting also asked the UGC to submit a report within two months after detecting loop-

holes and irregularities in the recruitment process in all public universities during the tenure of previous government.

The 17 universities are Dhaka University, Bangladesh University and Engineering and Technology, Jahangirnagar University, Ra-jshahi University, Chittagong University, Bangladesh Agri-cultural University, Shahjalal Science and Technology University, Khulna University, Kushtia Islamic University, National University, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Bangabandu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Medical University, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Bangladesh Open University, Moulana Bhashani Science and Technology Uni-

versity, Haji Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University and Patuakhali Science and Technology University.

The education ministry also directed the UGC to submit its recommendations on amendment to the university ordinance of 1973 by August 9.

Prof. Asaduzzaman said the ministry had taken the decision to ensure transparency and accountability in all public universities and to develop a new and unique recruitment system.

## Viqarunnisa Noon College silver jubilee July 24-25

UNB, Dhaka

The Viqarunnisa Noon School and College will celebrate the silver jubilee of its college section on July 24 and 25.

Viqarunnisa Noon College completed its 25 years this year with almost hundred per cent success in HSC examinations from both science and humanities groups each year. The college section was launched in 1978.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to join the celebrations at the inaugural ceremony.

The Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee is now busy finalising the two-day programme that includes cultural performances by the present and former students, sessions of reminiscence, and music concert.

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, a private institution that boasts the highest number of female students, now runs two shifts from primary to college level in two separate campuses.

About 11,000 girl students receive education from its Bailey Road main campus and the Dhanmondi branch.

In the just announced SSC exam results, 53 students got GPA 5 (A+) -- the second highest number among all schools and the first among the girls schools.