

Metropolitan

Centres of excellence to be set up at DU soon

By DU Correspondent

Centres of excellence for the faculties of Physical Science, Biological Science, Arts and Social Science and Business Administration will be set up soon at the Dhaka University. The decision was taken yesterday in a special session of the DU Senate.

Two important committees were also formed, one for monitoring the standard of education at DU and the other to investigate into the alleged irregularities and corruptions in the university administration during 1990-1996.

The first committee was formed with Prof Monin Chowdhury as its convener. The other members of the committee are — Prof Mosiuzzaman, Prof Mahfuza Khanam and Prof Emamul Haque.

Headed by Prof M Akteruzzaman, the other members of the second committee are Prof Mahfuza Khanam, Prof Manman Chowdhury, Prof Momin Chowdhury, Prof Sultan Hossain and Akteruzzaman MP and advocate Ozaer Faruque. The Vice-Chancellor and the chairman of the Senate, Prof Abul Kalam Azad Chowdhury, in his opening speech apprised the house about the developments in different sections since the last annual senate session, held in June 1996.

He said that four year honours courses had already been introduced in some faculties and would be introduced in all faculties in the next academic session.

A Tk 60 crore budget has been submitted to the Ministry of Education for setting up of two new residential halls, one for male and the other for female students and for construction of Senate hall, the VC said.

The Senate session also decided to regularly organise special training programmes for the young teachers of the university to improve their standard.

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SALES START TODAY

What's on today . . .

Theatre seminar: On the first day of the two-day international seminar on 'Women in Theatre', organised by the Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute, the following papers will be presented: 'Women in Theatre — in performance and direction' by Sara Zaker, and 'Women in Theatre — In plays' by Dr Ferdous Azim. Time: 10 am-1 pm and 2:30 pm-5 pm respectively. Venue: Shilpakala Academy.

Fashion display: A two-day display of *punjabi's* and dresses, designed by Laizu and Lisa, will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm-8 pm.

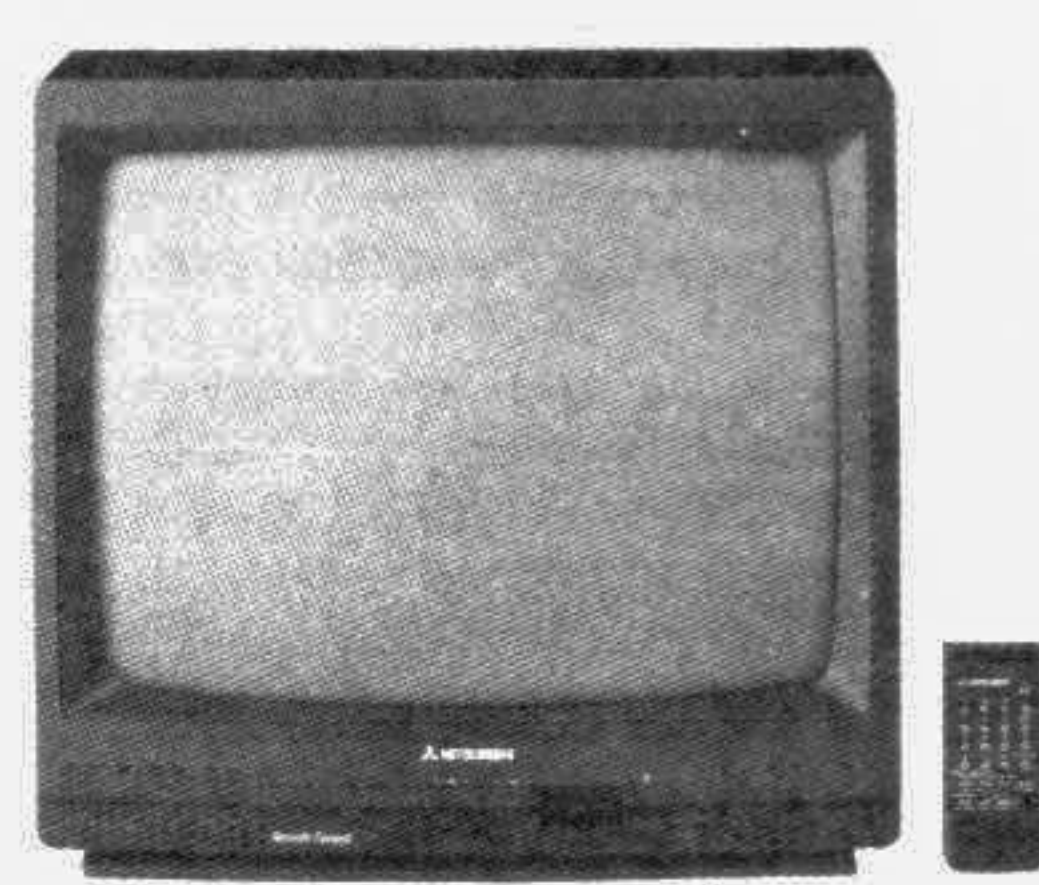
Ramakrishna Mission: A two-day programme commemorating the 135th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, organised by the Mission, will begin. Today's day-long programme will include special puja, devotional songs, reading from the scriptures and a discussion on 'Swami Vivekananda: World Harmony'. Chief guest: LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: Ramakrishna Math, Ramakrishna Mission. Time: 8 am-5 pm.

Officers' Club mela : The club has organised a mela. Venue: Club premises, 26/Bailey Road. Time: From 10 am to 8 pm.

Flower display: A display of dried and artificial flowers will be held. Venue: Display centre of the Flower Club College Industry, House No 11, Road No : 6, Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am.

Sonar Bangla Jubo Parishad: The Pongu Hospital unit of the Parishad will hold its biennial council. Venue: Auditorium of the Pongu Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 3 pm.

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