

## JnU allocates Tk 56cr as housing allowances

Okays Tk 297.82cr budget for FY 2025-26

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Jagannath University has approved a Tk 297.82 crore annual budget for 2025-26 fiscal year.

The budget was approved yesterday during the university's 102nd (special) Syndicate meeting, presided over by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Md Rezaul Karim.

Of the budget, Tk 56 crore (18.80 percent) has been earmarked for supplementary scholarship category, intended primarily as housing allowances for students, Tk 128.60 crore for salaries and allowances, Tk 84.31 crore for goods and services, Tk 58.21 crore for miscellaneous grants, Tk 8.03 crore for research, Tk 4.92 crore for equipment, Tk 3 crore for transportation, Tk 1.70 crore for ICT, Tk 80 lakh for other capital expenditures, and Tk 25 lakh for primary healthcare.

"Tk 56 crore has been allocated for supplementary student grants, and Tk 24.90 crore has been kept for temporary hall construction," said the VC.

"Compared to last year, this year's budget has increased by 48 percent," said Treasurer Prof Sabina Sharmin.



## Free health camps for the poor in Moulvibazar, Satkhira

Initiative taken in memory of Latifur Rahman, Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain

### STAR REPORT

Free medical camps have been set up in Moulvibazar and Satkhira in memory of the late Latifur Rahman, chairman of Transcom Group, and his grandson, Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain.

Business icon Latifur died in 2020 while Faraaz was brutally killed along with 19 other hostages in a militant attack at a Dhaka café on July 1 in 2016.

Eskayef Pharmaceuticals Ltd organised the day-long medical camps in the districts, said Mohammad Rezaul Karim, senior regional sales manager of the pharmaceuticals.

In Moulvibazar, around 400 people with health complications got a chance to consult specialised doctors free of cost at the health camp set up at Kaliti Tea garden hospital premises in Kulaura upazila from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Most of the patients are tea workers and medicines

have been provided to them free of cost, said Md Shohidul Islam, senior field manager at the Eskayef Pharmaceuticals Ltd in Kulaura.

Mina Pashi, 55, said, "Today, for the first time, I've got the opportunity to consult a qualified doctor without any cost. Not only

I was given medical advice but also I received the necessary medicines for free."

Sondha Robidas, 44, a tea worker, said, "I've been struggling with breathing problems due to asthma, and it's been getting worse over time. Unfortunately, I couldn't afford to visit a doctor or buy the medicines I needed. But today, I have been able to get medical check up and received inhalers and other medicines for free."

In Satkhira, the camp began around 9:30am at the Diabetes and General Hospital located in Karim Super Market in Assasuni upazila and continued till 4:00pm. It treated and provided medicines to around 450 patients.



### DU's 104th

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Chairman Prof SMA Faiz will present the keynote speech.

Classes will remain suspended from 10:00am to 12:00pm to facilitate the celebrations, but examinations will be held as scheduled. Vehicular movement through the Nikhet and Fuller Road entrances will be suspended from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Dr Serajul Islam Choudhury, professor emeritus at DU, said DU has always had two roles – as an academic institution and as a force in social and political movements.

"We must remember it was founded with a political purpose and took part in the anti-British and anti-Pakistani struggles.

Even after independence, it stood up against autocracy. Few universities have had to balance education with such social and political responsibilities."

Meanwhile, Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus, in a message, extended his warmest greetings and congratulations to all members of the university family – including teachers, students, guardians, and alumni – on the occasion of its founding anniversary, reports BSS.

He also urged the authorities to expand the field of research and use the research knowledge for the welfare of the country and its people.

### Abul Mansur Ahmad speech

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applicants must be under 30 years of age. Individuals who previously secured prizes in essay or speech contests commemorating Abul Mansur Ahmad are not eligible.

The competition will be held in two phases. In the first phase, contestants must submit a 4-5 minute video speech via a Google Drive link to tarkajaal@gmail.com or amatrust2015@gmail.com by July 30.

Submissions must include the participant's name, identity, age, phone number, and speech topic.

The organisers will shortlist the top 20 contestants for the final round in Dhaka, where 10 winners will be selected.

The top prize is Tk 15,000, while the second and third prizes are Tk 12,000 and Tk 10,000, respectively. The fourth and fifth-place winners will receive Tk 5,000 and Tk 3,000. All finalists will receive certificates and crests. The remaining five finalists will each receive Tk 1,000 in cash, a certificate, and a set of books.

Winners will be notified individually and via the organisers' Facebook page,

with the prize distribution scheduled for September to mark Abul Mansur Ahmad's birth anniversary.

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