**UGC allows 3 new public varsities to start classes from next year**

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Tuesday gave permission to three new public universities to start academic activities from the next year.

As a result, these universities can admit students from next year for the 2023-24 academic year.

The universities are Kurigram Agricultural University, Sunamganj Science and Technology University and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Pirojpur.

Among the three, Sunamganj Science and Technology University was established in 2020 and the other two were established in 2022.

The decision was taken at a meeting, held at the UGC Bhaban, headed by the commission member Professor Muhammed Alamgir on the day, said a press release issued by the commission.

The meeting was held to approve the proposed faculties, departments and workforces for the three universities.

The meeting approved Kurigram Agricultural University to open the Agriculture and Fisheries faculty while Sunamganj Science and Technology University got permission to open Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science and Engineering departments and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Pirojpur was allowed to open Mathematics, Psychology, Statistics and Computer Science and Engineering departments under the Science and the Engineering and Technology faculties.

Currently, there are 56 public and 112 private universities in the country.