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**Hunger strike observed****Demand to set up  
Science Varsity  
in Thakurgaon****Our Correspondent****THAKURGAON, July 22:**

About one thousand people of all spheres of life observed a token hunger strike here today in support of their demand for setting up Bangabandhu Science and Technology University at Thakurgaon and upgradation of Dinajpur Haji Danesh Agriculture College into Agriculture University.

At the call of University Implementation Committee and All-Party Students and Youth Unity leaders and members of different political parties, students and youths organisations, trade unions, union parishad chairmen samity, cultural and social organisations sat for hunger strike at the District Collectorate premises from 9 am to 4 pm. During the strike hours different cultural organisations presented patriotic songs and recited poems. Leaders of different political parties, students, youths, cultural, social and trade organisations spoke on the occasion and declared unity with the movement.

It may be mentioned that the government has decided to set up 12 Science and Technology University in 12 greater districts of the country.