

RU remains closed 30 out of 48 months for violence

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RAJSAHI UNIVERSITY, June 22 —The academic sessions of Rajshahi University have been lagging behind by more than three years. Now, a student of the university needs at least seven years to complete four-year Master Degree course.

Students lost valuable times of their life due to the problem of session jam. The problem has been created following a series of unscheduled closures of the university due to student clashes and violences.

A survey revealed that a few classes were held in 1986. The survey also revealed that the university was

closed for 242 days in 1987, 256 days in 1988 and 165 days in 1989 due to violences created by student organisations. It is revealed that the university remained closed for two and a half years out of four years.

The university authority has taken up some measures to remove the session jam.

The measures include holding of additional classes, reducing vacations, early publication of results etc.

Prof. Amanullah Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the university said that the authority submitted a scheme to the University Grants Commission (UGC) during the last fiscal year along with the proposal for the grant of Taka 60 lakh to solve the problem, but nothing has been done in this respect.

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BSS reports from Chittagong: Speaker at a seminar on projected student life expressed the views that the teachers would have to play a vital role in eradicating corruption from educational institutions.

They categorically said that it was the teachers who could alone help check adoption of unfair means in the examination.

The seminar held under the auspices of Nizampur College at Mirsarai recently was attended by the Director-General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Mr. Abdur Rashid Chowdhury as chief

guest while the College Principal, Mr. Monem Billah presided. Nizampur College teacher H.S. Das, Nurul Alam and others participated in the seminar.

Director General Abdur Rashid Chowdhury in his speech said that the government was doing everything possible to eradicate corruption from educational institutions, particularly checking adoption of unfair means in the examination. He said that each upazila would have an examination centre. He lauded the role of Nizampur College in its efforts to check copying in examinations.

Skilled manpower

Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister A.B.M. Ghulam Mostafa said that skilled and educated manpower was the key to national development. The Minister was speaking on the occasion of loan distribution under youth complex programme at Dhamti recently.

The Minister said that President Ershad had announced the compulsory primary education and free female education upto Class VIII outside municipal area. To implement this far-reaching programme, Tk. 100 crore budget provision has been made for the coming financial year, he added.