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Outdated books in BUET Library

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The central library of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) is plagued by problems ranging from administrative anomalies to slow recovery of books, especially from the teachers.

The library is running without a Librarian for the last five years. The Deputy Librarian Mr. Abu Bakr Siddique, exercises a limited power over library with a nearly one lakh books on engineering and technology in the only engineering university of the country. Most of the books are outdated and do not contain the latest development.

The library is also running short of other staff. Nor does the library have any fulfilled newspaper and magazines display section wherein the engineering students can go through the papers published at home and abroad.

Because of insufficient number of text books the students are compelled to go for Xeroxing the required books. The situation will worsen if the

proposal to enhance Xeroxing charges are endorsed by the highest authority of BUET.

BUET central library is also unique in the country where the books are rented to the students. The Rental Library section, established for overseeing the task, distributes books to the students in group-wise, after realising some money from them.

Of late BUET teachers were taking books beyond their prescribed limits of a maximum of 17 books and were not found enthusiastic in returning them in the stipulated time of one year.

In the neighbouring Dhaka University the teachers are entitled to draw a maximum of 10 books at a time for a period of maximum 21 days failing which they are subjected to a fine of 25 paise per book per week.

The teachers of BUET have the privilege of progress no fines for keeping the books, some time for years, whereas the students have to pay 10 paise per day.