

RU central library in grip of problems

From Our RU Correspondent

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Aug 3. Central Library of
Rajshahi University, the
second largest library of
Bangladesh is now beset with
various problems particularly
due to negligence in library
administration, corruption,
misappropriation of money,
shortage of books and economic
crisis. These problems are
depriving the students and
teachers of the university nec-
essary library facilities.

It is learnt that several re-
ports on misappropriation of
taka 43 lakh in connection of
purchasing of books for the
Central Library was published
in 1991 and 1992 in different
national dailies.

Besides, reading room of the
library could not accommodate
the rising number of the stu-
dents.

It may be noted here that the
library was established in 1955
when the number of students
was very little but now the
number of students has in-
creased to 24000 against only

500 seats in the library.

According to highes author-
ative source there had been a
plan to transfer the science sec-
tion of the library reading
room to some other place to but
it is not yet implemented and
that too only for want of fund.

It is further reported that
the rule of presenting identity
cards for entering the reading
room is not being maintained.
Consequently taking the ad-
vantage of the situation some
outsiders enter into the library
and get engage in unlawful ac-
tivities.

Though the number of books
and journals in the library is
254,000 but not more than eight
percent are related with the
curriculum. On many occasion,
students fail to borrow from the
library.

It is alleged that current
copies of journals like News
Week, New York Times, Tar
Eastern Economic Review
Reader Digest, Bichitra etc are
not available in the library
while the entry book shows
their presence in the library.

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