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Ctg Govt Veterinary College yet to be reopened

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CHITTAGONG, July 27: Academic activities at the Chittagong Government Veterinary College remained suspended for almost two months with the authorities taking no decision about the resumption of the classes.

Following violent agitation by students, authorities declared the college closed *sine die* and asked residential students to vacate hostels on June 21 last. The students under the banner of Veterinary Chhatra Sangram Parishad had ransacked class rooms for realisation of their six-point demands including cancellation of credit system.

Under the credit system, students have to secure 32-credit hours to get promoted to the next class. This system has been in use since the starting of the college under the Chittagong University in 1996 with only 50 students.

The students body, Sangram Parishad, is now demanding immediate reopening of the college and holding of semester finals in due time.

Before the current stalemate, students passed three years of their five-year course without any disturbances. It was only recently that the first batch students raised the demand for cancellation of credit system in the examinations.

Talking to this correspondent recently, the college Principal Dr Nitish Dev Nath said the college authorities would take a decision soon regarding resumption of classes. He, however, made it clear that credit system can not be cancelled at this stage.

Dr Nath said that the authorities had to close the college *sine die* to avert further damages as the students had raised their demands all of a sudden without "having any discussion with us about their problem."