

# Two BRUR teachers suspended over allegations of sexual harassment

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Shamim Hossain, an associate professor of the Department of Geography and Environmental Science, and Shakibul Islam, an associate professor of the Department of Disaster Science and Management of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur. | UNB photo

Two associate professors at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, have been suspended following allegations of sexual harassment, university authorities have said.

The action was taken against Shamim Hossain, an associate professor of the Department of Geography and Environmental Science, and Shakibul Islam, an associate professor of the Department of Disaster Science and Management.

The decision was made during the university's 119th Syndicate meeting, held on Saturday night, according to BRUR vice-chancellor Showkat Ali.

As part of the decision, the Syndicate also decided that Professor Shakibul Islam will not be permitted to supervise female students.

Md Harun-Or-Rashid, the university's registrar and member secretary of the Syndicate, said an investigation committee had recommended punitive action against both teachers.

He said that the matter has been referred to the administrative tribunal, which will determine the final punishment. The two associate professors will remain suspended until the tribunal reaches a decision.

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The allegations stem from separate complaints lodged last year. On November 2, 2025, a student from the Department of Disaster Science and Management filed a complaint against Professor Shakibul Islam, accusing him of sexual harassment.

Earlier, on October 30, 2025, a female student from the Department of Geography and Environmental Science submitted a 31-page handwritten complaint detailing allegations of sexual harassment against Shamim Hossain.

University authorities said that the process was being handled in line with existing regulations.