

## RUTA elections Hectic move by candidates to win support

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Jan 22:—The election to various bodies in the university including Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) scheduled for January 25, has already generated much enthusiasm among the voters.

Candidates in the RUTA election, has started campaign in full swing to drum up support in their favour.

According to the final official list, a total of 30 candidates from yellow panel backed by Awami League and left parties and the white panel backed by BNP and Jamaat are running in the RUTA election.

Prof of Sociology department Mizanuddin is contesting for RUTA presidency from Awami League and left party backed yellow panel while Prof of Institute of Biological Science KMA Shahadat Hossain Mondol is the presidential candidate from the BNP and Jamaat supported white panel.

The contestants for the post of General Secretary are Prof of Music and Dramatics Department Shafiqunnabi Samadi from the yellow panel while political Science Department's Prof Zogul Haider Chowdhury from the white panel.

Some 792 teachers of the university are expected to elect the 15 member RUTA executive body.

Yellow panel candidates launched vigorous campaign with renewed pledge to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War. While talking to this correspondent, a candidate of the yellow panel said, the election was very important under the present situation of the country. The white panel candidates and their supporters are campaigning against massive politicisation in the academic atmosphere of the country.

On the other hand, the election of various bodies in RU including the election of seven deans, six member academic council, five member syndicate, one teachers representative and member of the committee of planning and development will also be held on January 25.

In these elections too, yellow and white panel are in the race.

A total of 67 nomination papers have been submitted against 34 posts of election to various bodies in the university includ-