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Scores of DU seats remain vacant every yr

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Vacant of seats has become a permanent problem in the Dhaka University (DU) the country's highest seat of learning for many years. This is largely caused by student politics, expulsion from examinations, loss of academic year and readmission in preferred subjects.

According to sources, scores of seats lie vacant every year depriving many students from obtaining admission on time. The problem is growing up and there is no authority to look into. The students get admission in the university after crossing many hurdles of competition. Normally 20-25 ap-

plicants vie for each seat every year.

Many student leaders skip examinations every year to preserve their studentship although the university rules suggest that every student must complete Honours course within 7 years.

To mention, despite their admission some 10 years ago, many student leaders belonging to JCD, BCI, and others are still enrolled as students.

Such practice over the years encouraged many general students (See Page 15 Col. 4)

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to politics. It contributed to the rising problem of vacant seats.

Most of front ranking leaders belonging to JCD, BCI, and left leaning student organisations kept their studentship violating the university rules.

On the other hand, a large number of students do not get chance in their chosen departments. So they appear in the next year's admission test and shift to the departments of their choice if get chance. The applicants are allowed to sit for admission tests in DU for two consecutive years.

Again, many students who get chance in comparatively better subjects in other universities leave the DU.

An investigation revealed that in 1996-97 academic session, 150 students got admitted in honours course in the department of English. But only 101 of them completed their masters degree in due time. In the same year in Bengali department, 107 students out of 156 completed masters. In Political Science 173 out of 225 completed masters. In Sociology only 178 out of 236 completed their Masters.

The condition of Science Faculty is also same. In Physics 161 students got admission but only 75 of them completed masters. Similarly in Statistics and Geography and Environment 76 and 78 students of 99 and 106 respectively completed their masters.