

Students demand DUCSU poll earlier than DUTA

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General students of Dhaka University (DU) on Monday said that the election to the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) has been a part of the slavish politics and demanded to hold the proposed Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) elections immediately.

They said it is the rising hour to rejuvenate the DUCSU which has been a defunct for the last 18 years. Teachers and students seem

uniquely vowed to hold DUCSU election in order to ensure a peaceful as well as sound campus. Students said they do not want loggerhead politics of the teachers.

In a demonstration held at foot of Aparajeya Bangla on Monday, a large number of students titled 'general student' made the demand saying that the upcoming DUTA election should not be held

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DUCSU poll

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before the DUCSU election. The DUTA election (Executive Committee for one-year term) scheduled to be held on March 27.

After the 1/11 incident on DU campus, the environment turned volatile several times. This led to additional session jam. Now students are apprehending further fall in their academic year gap.

To facilitate the general students to grow up peacefully, ensure their basic academic lives

and practicing democratic rights and raising voice against injustices and inequality, the DUCSU was formed in 1924.

All the activities of the DUCSU became lifeless since 1991 due to indifference in the student politics. The prolonged inactive existence of the DUCSU has been causing mental agony and ordeal to the students.

In the 86 years life of DU, 36 DUCSU elections were held in different times. After independence, only six of them were held.

Many students of DU who knew no about the union even not aware that DU has a DUCSU and the facilities it provides to the students.

DUCSU played the glorious roles since its beginning in the Language Movement of 1952, Mass Upsurges of 1969, Liberation War in 1971 and Mass movement in 1990 against autocracy.

The last election (6th election) of DUCSU was held on July 6, 1990. Since then (1990), more than one and half a decades elapsed without any decision about holding the 7th DUCSU election. It was mainly due to non-comprising mindsets of the then DU student leaders. According to them, there was no congenial atmosphere at the campus.

The activities of DUCSU were formally postponed on May 28, 1998. The university authorities promised repeatedly to hold the election but ultimately failed.