

CONFINEMENT OF TEACHERS BY STUDENTS No class, exam held at Ruet for teachers' strike

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Teachers of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) yesterday refrained from holding classes and exams as part of their indefinite strike demanding punishment of students who had confined them for nearly 20 hours from Saturday evening.

Teachers were confined, shamed and insulted during the confinement. So, teachers have taken the decision to boycott all classes and exams until the students involved are punished, Nirendranath Mustafi, president of Ruet teachers' association, said while talking to journalists.

The demands of the teachers include conducting of a proper investigation into the incident and punishment to the students who assaulted the teachers physically and made derogatory remarks about them on various social media platforms.

Many students are even slandering the teachers on social media, Nirendranath added. "The VC has been informed of our demands." The decision came from an emergency meeting of the Ruet teachers' association held around 2:00pm on Sunday, said Nirendranath in a press release yesterday.

Earlier on Saturday, students demonstrating against the "33 Credit System" confined 16 teachers including Rafiqul Alam Beg, vice chancellor of the Ruet, for around 20 hours to their offices.

The Ruet authorities cancelled the credit requisite on Sunday. On January 28, a section of students, especially from sessions 2014-15 and 2015-16, started demonstrating against the "33 Credit System" that was introduced in 2013.