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Earlier, the teachers' platforms had observed a two-day protest programme in July 11-12 demanding cancellation of the election to the VC's panel. They also met with the vice-chancellor asking him to suspend the VC's panel polls and demanding election of deans, provosts and the syndicate in line with the university act of 1973. But their demand went unheeded, they said.

The VC at his first senate session on June 29 said that the authorities would organise all elections, including students' central union polls and that of the senate, before the VC's panel polls. But two days later,

he announced that the VC's panel polls would be held on July 20.

After the announcement, a group of teachers teamed up as Sammilita Sikkhak Parishad and protested at the VC's decision and demanded election to JUCSU, provosts, deans and syndicate before the VC's panel polls.

During the teachers' protest programme on Saturday, the VC tried to come out of his office but was prevented by the protesters. At one point there was heated exchange between the agitating teachers and Prof Anwar Hossain.

The platform's convener Prof MA Matin said afterwards that the VC had misbehaved with them during the siege.

The convener of Sikkhak

Samaj, Prof Nasim Akhtar Hossain accused Prof Anwar Hossain of trying to establish an autocratic rule at the university.

Later, the teachers exchanged views with representatives of different organisations at the cafeteria lounge. Professors Nasim Akhtar Hossain Hanif Ali, Mozammel Haque, Shamsul Alam Selim, Aminul Islam Durjoy, ATM Atiqur Rahman, Anwarullah Bhuiyan, Rashid Harun, Shakila Sharmin and Anisha Parvin Joly attended the programme.

Representatives of a good number of student organizations, including Chhatra Union, Cultural Alliance, JU Theater, JU Debate Organisation and JU Chhatra Dal, also took part.