

# RU students losing interest in using central library

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STUDENTS of Rajshahi University are losing interest in using central library nowadays amid absence of relevant books.

Despite being one of the largest libraries of the country, less than 1,000 students come to study in the library in a week, while the university has more than 36,000 students.

They students have alleged that they do not get their desired books and update information in the library as most of the books

are of older editions and not updated regularly.

Mahbub Alam, a fourth year student of mass communication and journalism department, said, 'We don't get enough information from the books kept in library as most of them are dated.'

'I went to the library a few days last year, but I lost interest as I did not get books I needed,' he continued.

'Students or teachers or the university administration are not individually responsible for the decreased number of students coming to the li-

brary, but our whole educational system is to be blamed,' said Professor Md Jahurul Islam of English department.

'Information communication technology is one of the main reasons behind the lesser number of students at the central library as the students spend time using internet nowadays,' he added.

Talking to the New Age, Abdullah Al-Mamun, another associate professor of the department, echoed him, blaming information technology for the drastic fall in the number of stu-

dents using the library.

Annual allocation for books in library is also very small, which is another major problem in turning the library resourceful,' he said.

The library annually gets Tk 15 lakh.

Professor Shafiqunnabi Samadi, administrator of central library said, 'What can I do if the students don't come to library to study.'

'I have urged the students to give us their suggestions regarding what books can be bought for the central library,' he also said.