

RU students lock classrooms pressing 9-point

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STUDENTS of genetic engineering and biotechnology department of Rajshahi University on Tuesday locked all the classrooms and office of the department for three hours demanding their 9-point demands including taking classes and examinations regularly.

Their other demands are - permanent solution of the session jam, prepare an academic calendar and implement it, finish classes of each academic year within eight months and publish results within four months after the examinations, do not take classes out of routine, fix written and practical examinations schedule, provide adequate classrooms and practical instruments.

Agitated students alleged that they had to face prolong session jam due to indifference of the teachers of the department.

'As teachers do not take classes regularly, we have to face prolong session jam,' they said.

Talking to New Age, Sheikh Abul Monsur, a student of 2008-2009 session of the department, said their masters final year examination were scheduled to be held in 2013, but it would be held at the end of 2015 due to indifference of the teachers.

'Even we do not have any fixed routine for the classes and some teachers take only three classes in a year,' he added.

Kamruzzam Polash, another student of 2008-2009

session of the department, said they are yet to finish their master's degree while students of the same batch of other departments have already completed post-graduation degree.

Agitated students urged the university authorities to take immediate steps to meet their demands.

'If the university authorities do not pay attention to our demands, we'll go for tougher movement,' the students threatened.

Professor Shahadat Hossain, chairman of the department, told New Age that the session jam has been created due to three months strike enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

'We are trying to address the session jam,' he added.