

RAJSHAHI GOVT COLLEGE

20 rare trees felled on campus

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi Government College authorities cut down at least 20 old and rare trees on the campus in last several months.

The authorities are still continuing to fell the trees secretly at night and during holiday to avoid protest from the students.

Because of cutting trees indiscriminately, the green campus of the college has taken a desert look pushing its environment to destruction, the students alleged.

They said they are also very much worried as they have lost the shadow of their old trees.

Campus sources said the college authorities cut a 30-year-

old Neem tree a month ago for making furniture of the official residence of the principal.

Earlier, several Shishu, Ipil Ipil, Neem and Jaam trees around a pond behind the administrative building were felled, the sources added.

On Sunday, the angry students tried to stop felling of an old Jaam tree on the campus.

Sources said the trees were sold at a throughway price and without floating any formal tender.

Moreover, the money received from the sale of trees in last September is yet to be deposited to college fund, they added.

As per rules the college authorities must obtain permission from

the C&B authority before cutting government-owned trees, but no permission was taken in this case, said another sources.

Meanwhile, the general students of the college have called for immediate stopping of felling trees, plantation of new saplings and nourishing the existing old trees to keep its traditional beauty intact.

They also threatened to launch tougher agitation along with environmentalists and environmental lawyers association to stop tree felling, said a student Soumitra Majumder.

When asked Principal Shams-Ul Alam said the trees are being cut as per the recommendation of the academic council.



PHOTO: STAR

Covering their faces with black cloths, successful candidates of MBBS admission test stage a demonstration at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding steps to start the admission process of government medical colleges.

'Ensure neutrality in admin'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prokowsali Krishibid Chikitshak Oikya Parishad, a platform of engineers, agriculturists and doctors, yesterday put forward a 24-point suggestion to chief adviser (CA) to the caretaker government to ensure neutrality in the administration.

At a press conference at the National Press Club in the city, the Parishad leaders urged the CA to accept the suggestions for ensuring an efficient and accountable civil administration for holding a free and fair election.

The suggestions include cancellation of all contractual appointments, withdrawal of all employees appointed on political consideration, removal of all nominated 'political persons' in different governing and managing bodies of different government and semi-government organisations and removal of 300 upazila election officers.

In a written statement, engineer Dr Golam Mostofa, secretary general of the Parishad, said the role of the president cannot be termed neutral as his (president) every step is creating untoward situation.

Though the 'controversial' Chief Election Commissioner MA Aziz went on leave, the Election Commission (EC) is still following his steps, he added.

Mostofa said although some reshuffles have been made in the administration, the loyalists of the immediate past government, specially the secretaries, are still occupying vital posts.

He said the reconstitution of whole EC is a must to ensure a free and fair election instead of changing some persons in the EC.

"A free, fair and acceptable election is impossible under the present set up left by the immediate past government, he said, adding the steps taken so far by the caretaker government is nothing but eyewash only.

Prof Dr M Iqbal Arslan, president of the Parishad, said they would submit a memorandum to the chief

adviser soon. Senior Vice-president agriculturist Nazrul Islam, Vice-presidents engineer Mesbahur Rahman Tutul, agriculturist Anwarul Haq, Dr Badiuzzaman Bhuiyan, Joint Secretaries Saidur Rahman Selim, Dr Jamal Uddin Chowdhury and engineer MM Abul Hossein were also present at the press conference.

MBBS ADMISSION TEST Call to start admission process soon

DU CORRESPONDENT

Successful candidates of MBBS admission tests for 14 government medical colleges under the academic session 2006-07 yesterday reiterated their demand for immediate start of the admission process.

To press home their demand, a number of successful candidates from across the country staged a sit-in and took part in a silent procession wearing black badges from the Central Shaheed Minar in the city.

They also placed wreaths at the memorial of Shaheed Doctor Milon on Dhaka University campus.

During the sit-in programme, the students said a section of failed students are trying to create hindrances and delay the admission process.

A vested quarter is patting them from behind to destroy country's medical education system in a planned way, they added.

Terming the allegation of unsuccessful candidates baseless, the qualified students said they have no valid evidence to prove that the question paper was leaked out.

They also expressed apprehension that if their illegal demands are met and the authorities concerned try to arrange readmission test, the successful students will be disheartened and discouraged in pursuing their study in medical science.



Capt. Imam Anwar Hossain, chairman of Imam Group and Prime Bank Ltd., hands over membership certificate to a participant of the 25th batch of PGDHRM course at its inaugural ceremony at the Institute of Personnel Management in the city recently. IPM President Anwarul Azim presided over the function while Secretary General Md Shahjahan was also present.

Youth found dead in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth at Badda in the city yesterday.

The victim aged about 22 was found lying dead in Solmat Bashumati Housing Project area at around 11:00am. His hands, legs and neck were tied with rope.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

SEU exam time

Admission tests of Southeast University for BBA and MBA (regular) course of Spring Semester 2007 on December 8 will be held at 3:00pm instead of 10:00am, says a press release.

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