

## RU cultural activists want Rampal project scrapped

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CULTURAL activists of Rajshahi University on Sunday presented music and a drama in protest at the government's decision to set up a coal-based power station at Rampal, near the Sunderbans, and the terrorist attacks that occurred recently.

As part of a month-long programme, members of RU

Sanskritik Jote, a platform of ten cultural organisations of the university, brought out a procession in the afternoon and organised a sit-in in front of the university's main gate, where they presented songs and poetry protesting against the developments.

Abdul Majid Antor, president of the platform, said the government was trying to

destroy the natural beauty of the Sunderbans, the world's largest mangrove forest, by setting up a thermal power plant close to it.

He urged it to abandon the project as well as take proper steps to root out militancy from the country.

Meanwhile, Anushilon Natyadal, a RU-based theatre troupe, staged a drama at the university's Shaheed Mi-

nar Muktomancha on Sunday, highlighting the rise in terrorist incidents.

Written and directed by Moley Bhoumik, the play put special emphasis on missing individuals reportedly connected to terrorist outfits. It showed how these outfits, in their bid to misguide and recruit the youth, are trying to bring cultural practices to a halt.