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### Where diploma holders teach degree courses

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The Bangladesh Institute of Leather Technology, the only Institute of its kind in the country has been closed for the last four months.

The students of the Institute locked the office and house of the Principal demanding immediate solution to the manifold problems of the institute.

The students of the Leather Technology have been facing an unprecedented session jam as seven batches are awaiting in one stage.

They alleged that the academic facilities are too inadequate. The Institute itself has a fullfledged tannery for practical training of the students but they could not use it due to lack of raw materials.

Being an affiliated institute of the Dhaka University, the Institute confer degree certificate to the students. But it is alleged that diploma holders teach the degree courses.

A large quantity of spares imported from abroad are lying uncared for long time. The Institute has no system of study tour for the students.

The last final examination was held in 1985, but the result is yet to be announced. The examination was scheduled to be held in 1983. So after completion of education four years ago the students have been awaiting for the results. The authority however, assured the students that the results would be published within a week.

Though the students get degree certificate, yet they have no right to appear in the BCS Examination as the degree is not considered equivalent to the bachelor degree.

Four years ago the BUET agreed to admit the degree passed leather technologists in the masters degree. The process is yet to be finalised.

Following the closure the functioning of the Institute are being seriously affected. The concerned authorities have not yet taken any step to reopen the Institute. However, the Principal of the Institute has been provided with a temporary office at the Shikkha Bhaban of the Ministry of Education.