

Teacher strike paralyses 307 govt colleges

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ACADEMIC activities at 307 government colleges across the country remained suspended as teachers enforced work abstention for the second consecutive day on Tuesday.

Bangladesh Civil Service General Education Association began to enforce the two-day work abstention on Monday for the restoration of selection grade and time scale in the new pay scale

for the government college teachers as other civil servants continued to enjoy the facilities.

No classes and exams were held at the government colleges, said association secretary general IK Selim Ullah Khondaker.

The government college teachers demanded an unambiguous declaration from the authorities in an official circular that associate professors on promotion to the positions of

professors would be placed in Grade 3 in the new pay structure.

The teachers said that they felt aggrieved at placing the government college professors in Grade 4 in the new pay structure.

The next course of action would be decided at an emergency general meeting of the association on January 22, said Selim Ullah.

The government on December 15, 2015 issued the gazette notification of the

new pay scale for public servants. The new pay scale dropped the provisions of selection grade and time scale. The annual increment will be a percentage of the basic pay.

Since September 2015, when the new pay scale was approved, college teachers have been holding different programmes including work abstention, human chain and views exchange for the retention of time scale and selection grade.