

## Technical teachers demand promotions, more benefits

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Teachers of various technical schools and colleges on Friday held a protest rally in Rajshahi demanding promotions, selection grade, and time scale.

The Bangladesh Technical School and College Teachers' Association, Rajshahi Divisional Committee organised the rally in the city's zero point area at about 10:30am.

Over a hundred of teachers of various educational institutes participated in the rally.

Addressing the rally, the speakers said that the upgradation of technical and vocational education could not be expected if the teachers were not evaluated properly.

Tariqul Hakim, convener of Rajshahi Divisional Committee of the association, said that they had been teaching at 64 technical schools and colleges of the country for more than one decade and a half.

'We are working at technical schools and colleges for a minimal salary. We have to work almost four times more than usual. But, we are not being promoted even after fulfilling all the conditions of promotion as per the Recruitment Rules-2020 and the Public Service Act', he said.

Tariqul Hakim said that the government had created 2,695 posts for 64 TSCs and 6,400 new posts for 100 TSCs in the revenue sector in 2021.

'But the teachers who have been teaching at the technical schools and colleges for 18 years are not being promoted. Instead, the processes of appointing new officers to the higher posts are underway', he alleged.

The speakers called on the authorities concerned to suspend the recruitment of new teachers to the technical schools and colleges until the existing teachers were promoted, and demanded selection grade and time scale for them.

They also threatened to wage a tougher movement if their demands were not met soon.

Among others, the association's central committee senior vice-president engineer Shamsul Haque, teachers Rashedul Alam, Khaleduzzaman, Zahrul Islam, Ziaul Islam, Ambia Khatun, and Yusuf spoke at the rally.

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