

Titumir College students block road again, demand university status

A group of students has been on hunger strike since yesterday



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Students of Government Titumir College staged a protest this morning, blocking the road in front of the college's main gate to demand its upgrade to a university.

Rasel Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station confirmed that students had blocked both sides of the road around 11:30am, and the blockade remained in place as of 1:00pm.



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The protest, now in its second consecutive day, escalated after some students under "Titumir Unity" began a hunger strike yesterday afternoon, to press home their seven demands.

The demands are:

- **Official recognition of Titumir University and the publication of its academic calendar.**
- **Formation of a university administration and commencement of admissions for the 2024-25 academic session.**
- **Ensuring 100% residential facilities for students or, alternatively, covering the full cost of accommodation immediately.**
- **Introduction of at least two internationally recognised subjects, such as Law and Journalism, from the 2024-25 academic year.**
- **Recruitment of PhD-qualified faculty to enhance the quality of education.**
- **Limiting student intake to maintain educational standards.**
- **Allocation of land and financial resources to establish a research lab meeting international standards.**

Walid Islam Anik, a student from the management department (2022-23 session), said, "I am a current student of Titumir College, and I have come here to demand the implementation of our rights. Five students have already gone on a fast into death, and we are expressing solidarity with them. They started the strike at 5:00pm yesterday."

"The government must accept our seven-point demands. If our demands are not met, the government will have to take our bodies," he added.