

42 elected unopposed in RU hall unions

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CCTV to monitor vote counting on election day



A total of 42 candidates have been elected uncontested to hall union bodies of Rajshahi University, as no rival contenders came forward in seven dormitories.

Thirty-nine of these candidates are women.

Among the 42, 29 have secured secretary posts, while 13 will serve as executive members without a single ballot being cast, said Rucusu Chief Election Commissioner Prof F Nazrul Islam.

Although the Rucusu and hall union elections will be held on September 25, election officials on Sunday night declared that candidates standing alone in their races were elected automatically. The final list was published by Chief Returning Officer Prof Md Setaur Rahman.

Four posts across four female halls have, however, remained vacant due to the absence of candidates. These posts include the assistant debate and literary affairs secretary at Begum Khaleda Zia Hall, along with one executive member post each at Rokeya Hall, Rahmatunnesa Hall and July-36 Hall.

The CEC said the vacant positions would simply remain unfilled, with the respective unions continuing their activities without them.

The highest number of uncontested victories came at Begum Khaleda Zia Hall, where 10 posts were secured by candidates from the Shikkharthi Oikya Moncho panel.

Rokeya Hall followed with nine winners -- all from the Sammilito Shikkharthi Parishad. One executive member post there remains unfilled.

At Rahmatunnesa Hall, nine candidates were elected without contest.

In July-36 Hall, seven candidates were elected unopposed -- six from the Sammilito Shikkharthi Parishad and one from the Chhatra Dal.

Elsewhere, three candidates from the Sammilito Shikkharthi Parishad were elected unopposed in Taposi Rabeya Hall, while Bijoy-24 Hall saw three Sammilito Shikkharthi Jote candidates secure seats.

At Mannujan Hall, the only uncontested winner was an independent candidate.

Meanwhile, the Rucusu Election Commission has finalised preparations for the Rucusu polls, with 990 booths to be set up across 17 centres in nine academic buildings.

Rucusu CEC Prof Nazrul said results will be announced on election day from Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium after vote counting at the Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (Rucusu) treasurer's office.

The entire counting process will be monitored through CCTV cameras to maintain transparency, he said.

Earlier in the day, RU Vice-Chancellor Prof Saleh Hasan Naqib inaugurated a media centre in front of the Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium to facilitate media coverage.

"Through the media, people will be able to see how the election is conducted and what the atmosphere is like. The media centre has been equipped with internet and other necessary facilities," the RU VC said.