

# Shibir-backed panel sweeps Rucsu polls, wins 20 of 23 posts

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Salahuddin Ammar of Adhipottobirodhi Oikya wins general secretary post



Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Sommilito Shikkharthi Jote has swept the Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (Rucsu) election, winning 20 out of 23 central posts.

The results were announced this morning by Chief Election Commissioner of Rucsu, Prof F Nazrul Islam, at the university auditorium.

Mostakur Rahman Jahid from the Sommilito Shikkharthi Jote was elected vice-president (VP) with 12,687 votes, defeating Sheikh Nur Uddin Abir of the BNP-backed Oikyaboddho Notun Projonmo panel, who received 3,397 votes.

The only major exception came in the general secretary (GS) post, where Salahuddin Ammar of Adhipottobirodhi Oikya secured 11,497 votes, defeating Shibir-backed candidate Fahim Reza, who got 5,727 votes. Ammar's victory prevented a clean sweep by the Shibir-backed panel in the top

leadership tier.

In the assistant general secretary (AGS) race, SM Salman Sabbir of the Shibir-backed panel won with 6,975 votes, defeating Zahin Biswas Esha of the BNP-backed panel, who received 5,951 votes, after a close contest.

Another exception came in the sports secretary post, which went to Nargis Akter of the BNP-backed Oikyaboddho Notun Projonmo panel, who secured 7,785 votes, defeating Shibir-backed Hamillah, who got 5,238 votes.

In the science and technology secretary post, independent candidate Tofayel Ahmed Tofa won with 6,780 votes, beating Hasan Howlader of the Shibir-backed panel, who received 6,753 votes.

The Sommilito Shikkharthi Jote also clinched nearly all other secretary and executive member positions, including those related to cultural, women's, information, media, debate, environment, and social welfare affairs.

Among the winning Shibir-backed candidates are Abu Sayeed Muhammad Noon (assistant sports secretary); Zayed Hasan Joha (cultural affairs secretary); Md Rakibul Islam (assistant cultural affairs secretary); Saiyida Hafsa (women's affairs secretary); and Samia Jahan (assistant women's affairs secretary).

Other winners include BM Najmus Sakib (information and research secretary); Sifat Abu Saleh (assistant information and research secretary); Md Mujahidul Islam (media and publication secretary); Asadullah (assistant media and publication secretary); Mujahidul Islam Saim (assistant science and technology secretary); Imran Laskar (debate and literature secretary); Md Nayon Hossain (assistant debate and literature secretary); Abdullah Al Masud (environment and social welfare secretary); and Masuma Israt Mumu (assistant environment and social welfare secretary).

The four executive member posts were also won by the Shibir-backed panel: Md Dip Mahbub, Md Imjiaul Haque Kamali, Sujon Chandra, and ABM Khaled.

In the Senate polls, the Sommilito Shikkharthi Jote won three of the five student representative seats. Mostakur Rahman Jahid, Fazle Rabbi Md Fahim Reza, and SM Salman Sabbir were elected from the Shibir-backed panel, while Salahuddin Ammar of Adhipottobirodhi Oikya and independent candidate Akil Bin Taleb took the remaining two seats.

Prof Nazrul Islam said the election was held peacefully and without major incidents, with a voter turnout of 69.83 percent among 28,901 registered students.

This year's Rucusu election — the first in 35 years — saw vote counting continue late into the night under tight security across the campus.