## Shibir-backed panel sweeps Cucsu election after 44 years

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Along with the posts of the vice-president and general secretary, Shibir won a total of 24 out of 26 positions



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After 44 years, the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Sompritir Shikkharthi Jote panel has won the posts of vice-president, general secretary, and 22 other positions in the Chittagong University Central Students' Union election.

For the vice president post, Shibir-backed candidate Ibrahim Roni was elected with 7,983 votes. His nearest rival, Chhatra Dal-backed candidate Sazzad Hossain, got 4,374 votes.

For the general secretary post, Shibir-backed candidate Sayed Bin Habib was elected with 8,031 votes. His closest competitor, Chhatra Dal-backed candidate Md Shafayat Hossain, received 2,734 votes.



Shibir backed VP candidate Ibrahim Roni and GS candidate Sayed Bin Habib pose for the camera before the announcement of the Cucsu polls results. Photo: Rajib Raihan/Star

On the other hand, Chhatra Dal-backed candidate Aiyubur Rahman Tawfiq was elected assistant general secretary. He got 7,014 votes. His nearest rival, Sazzad Hossain Munna, got 5,045 votes.

For the assistant sports secretary post, candidate from the "Binirman Shikkharthi Oikya" panel Tamanna Mahbub Preeti won with 4,829 votes. Her nearest competitor, Shibir-backed candidate Shah Poran Maruf, received 4,594 votes.



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Shibir-backed candidates also won the remaining 22 positions.

The chief election commissioner of Cucsu, Prof Monir Uddin, announced the results at 5:00am in the morning at the BBA Faculty auditorium. He said the election was held in a peaceful manner and in a very festive environment.



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Before this, Shibir last won a CUCSU election in 1981, during the fifth Cucsu polls. At that time, Jasim Uddin Sarkar became vice president and Abdul Gaffar became general secretary. Both were Shibir leaders at Chittagong University.

Around 10 years later, on February 8, 1990, the sixth CUCSU election was held. In that election, the joint panel of all student groups won. The vice president was Nazim Uddin of Jatiya Chhatra League and the general secretary was Azim Uddin Ahmad of the Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.



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No CUCSU election was held in the following 35 years.



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A total of 908 candidates took part in the Cucsu and hall union elections. Among them, 415 contested for 26 Cucsu posts and 493 for 14 hall union posts.

The draft voter list included 27,521 enlisted student voters. The voting took place in 689 booths at 15 centres inside five faculty buildings from 9:30am to 4:00pm.