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# RU short of over hundred teachers

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RAJSHAHI, Aug 25: The Rajshahi University has restrained itself from announcing the dates for six of the eleven long-due examinations because the syllabuses for the subjects concerned could not be completed for shortages of teachers.

The University has already been running four years behind the schedule.

Official sources told The New Nation that 20 posts of Professors, 47 posts of Associate Professors, 54 posts of Assistant Professors and 23 posts of Lecturers have been lying vacant for a long time. According to these sources there have been 144 vacancies

against a total of 642 posts of teachers for some 18 thousand students in 30 departments of the university.

The sources further pointed out that of the 498 teachers in records, 50 to 60 in rotation remain on study leave. Six of the 21 teachers in Applied Physics department are currently on study leave. This was followed by five each in the departments of Applied Chemistry, Economics, Sociology and Physics against their strength of 18, 27, 19 and 33 respectively.

The university in 1988-89 academic year terminated five of its teachers for failing to return to their classes in some

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seven long years. They are Mr Quamruzzaman of Political Science Department, Mr Alauddin and Mr Abu Bakar Siddiqui of Economics, Dewan Shamsul Arefin of Sociology and Mr Delwar Hossain of applied Physics.

The termination, however, could not be balanced by new appointments immediately, the sources said adding that the fate of the students remained unchanged. They pointed out that the office of the Controller recently asked the examination committee to finalise the dates for eleven examinations. But the committee found that the syllabuses for six of the subjects concerned had not been completed.