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Protest by Sammilito Sangskritic Jote

## Cultural groups asked to stop activities in RUCSU Bhaban

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Mar 6: Various cultural groups of the university have protested the authorities' recent order to vacate their offices from Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (RUCSU) building immediately.

The university order has put the cultural groups into a critical situation. As a result, the cultural groups in the univer-

sity have been facing a threat of extinction from the campus.

The existing cultural groups have urged the university authorities to rehabilitate them to any suitable place or postpone the university authorities vacate order till completion of TSCC building. The local Sammilito Sangskritic Jote in a statement criticised the university authorities' recent step as there is no activities of the central students' union which is known as RUCSU.

It is mentionable, at present more than a dozen cultural groups are active here under the guidance of Sammilito Sangskritic Jote.

Rajshahi University cul-

tural groups have been facing troubles since the uprise of fundamentalists on the campus in 1990. The fundamentalist forces took various ploys to stop cultural activities of these groups. The fundamentalist forces set fire rooms of cultural group workers in the halls. Even they halted the activities of JASAS killing its secretary in 1996. The then Jamaat administration floated the idea. So, the cultural activities have been declining for a long time.

Following fall of Jamaat administration the suffocating condition ended. But recent order of the university authorities have raised a great concern among cultural activists.