

CAMPUS

Education: Some issues

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All the educational institutions in the metropolitan capital shall reopen from tomorrow after a long unexpected holiday due to the unprecedented flood that hit the capital.

This year the help that the students community rendered to the flood victims is something which the nation shall always remember. They did not even hesitate to give their lives to help those in distress. They were helping in the relief camps and also raising money on the streets. Many had worked round the clock to provide succor to the needy ones. Most of the relief centres are now closed, in Dhaka and the students shall again be busy with their studies from tomorrow.

SHORTENING OF HOLIDAYS

In the wake of the unscheduled forced closure of educational institutions it is time to think about the holidays seriously. As it is, particularly at our universities, BUET and Medical colleges the sessions are behind schedule. In order to streamline the sessions it is imperative that we should reduce the number of holidays. At the school and college level it is now a must to shorten the

Puja Vacations and shift the final examination to December instead of November so that the students get some time to cover their courses and finish their books. The same is true of the seats of higher education. If need be, the winter holidays can be forgone and classes can even be held during the Ramzan to make up for the loss.

From last year it seems that floods are to be yearly events. If it is so, we should have provisions in the academic calendar to make up for the loss due to unscheduled closures by shortening or cancelling vacations.

DU'S SYNDICATE ELECTION

The Syndicate election of DU is to be held on the 6th next. For the first time this year, a new panel, the white panel shall be contesting the polls along with the pin and blue panels. One, we know is the pro-govt or the VC's panel, the other anti-govt led by Prof Emajuddin while the third new panel being led by Dr Faiz Ahmed and Dr Moniruzzaman Miah is supposed to be a 'go between'.

One cannot help but wonder from where the teachers

get so much time to be actively involved in politics instead of being involved with research or teaching? It sounds preposterous yet it is true that teachers have to be tagged with this or that panel in order to survive at the camps whether they like it or not. This very thing is polluting the atmosphere of the campus. Said a teacher on the verge of retirement, 'if the teachers include in politics is it wrong to expect the students not to do so? After all, they are paving the way. Unless and until the teachers themselves stop such deeds, things will not improve at DU. It is this panelwise selection of candidates, and choosing of VC from a particular panel that breeds corruption. Nowhere in the world are teachers so highly politicalised.' Let us hope that there will be no more factions at DU.

RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS AT THE UNIVERSITIES

A number of teachers are being recruited at the DU against vacancy leave, which with the passage of time become permanent. It is gathered that some such

teachers are playing to go abroad for their PHD while in reality they are supposed to be recruits against leave vacancies. We hope, the concerned authorities will be conscious of this and see that such things donot happen leaving the students at a discomfiture.

MBA ADMISSION

Admission procedure of getting into IBA is a gross violation of DU rules. To get into a MA class of any department of DU a person having a bachelor's degree (Pass) must join the Preliminary class first. After completing that, he is eligible to enter the Masters class. But for the IBA authorities there is no difference between a pass and honours graduate. Why this discrepancy? Concerned quarters feel this trend should be changed because here a BA pass or honours graduate get the same points whereas an Honours graduate has to spend a year extra and is usually a better student than a pass course student.