

RUET scraps 33-credit system after student protests

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THE Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology authorities on Sunday drew back from its mandatory 33-credit system in the face of continuous student protests.

The decision to scrap the 33-credit system was taken after a section of the agitating students had kept RUET vice-chancellor and about 25 teachers confined in the vice-chancellor's office for about 24 hours.

In an emergency meeting of the academic council in the morning, with vice-chancellor professor M Rafiqul Alam Beg in the chair, the university authorities took the decision to scrap the credit system, said professor Iqbal Matin,

a member of the academic council.

RUET vice-chancellor told New Age that the 33 credit system had been introduced to ease session jam and also to encourage students to take part in their regular classes and examinations.

'As they do not want it, so the system has been withdrawn,' the VC added.

Earlier on January 28 this year, students of academic sessions 2014-15 and 2015-16 started boycotting their classes and examinations and staged sit-in in front of the RUET administrative building demanding the cancellation of the system.

Following student demonstrations on Tuesday, the authorities termed stu-

dents' demands illogical and suspended academic activities, including classes and examinations, of the two academic sessions for an indefinite period and also asked the students to vacate the halls.

According to RUET officials, the university introduced the 33 credit system from the academic session 2013-14, which barred a student to be enrolled in the next session if he or she failed to get 33 out of 40 credits and would have to retake the whole year again.

Previously, students were allowed to attend classes and examinations of the next session even if they got less than 33-credit. They could obtain the credits by taking examinations later.