

# JU registered graduates to elect reps after 19 years

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REGISTERED graduates of Jahangirnagar University will go to polls on December 30 for the first time in 19 years to elect their representatives in the senate.

The university authorities are preparing for the election on the campus and are finalising related activities, said treasurer of the university Professor Monzurul Haq, also returning officer for the polls.

Many candidates have been campaigning door to door seeking votes while some have been very active in social media.

Key parts of the campus are now dotted with banners for the candidates.

The campus has got into a festive mood as the university community are eagerly waiting to see the newly elected faces in the senate af-

ter 19 years.

JU vice-chancellor Professor Farzana Islam said, 'We want to conduct the election peacefully. We have waited for long 19 years for this.'

As many as 119 candidates are competing for 25 positions in the long-awaited election.

Pro-Awami League candidates are participating in the election from two panels: one is led by former VC Professor Sharif Enamul Kabir, under the banner of 'Bangabandhur Adarsha o Muktijuddher Chetonay Bishwasi Pragatishil Jote, and the other is lead by another former VC Professor MA Matin, under the banner of 'Bangabandhur Adarsha o Muktijuddher Chetonay Pragatishil Graduate Mancho'.

Pro-Bangladesh Nationalist Party candidates are vying under the banner of 'Swadhinata, Sarbabbhoumotwa, Bahudaliya Ganatantra o Bangla-

deshi Jatiyatabadey Bishwasi Panel, led by Professor Shamsul Alam Selim.

A total of 44 candidates are participating as independent candidates.

Hajjaj Bin Mahfooz, a 14th batch graduate from English department, who is taking part in the election from the Pro-AL panel lead by Professor Kabir, said, 'We expect the election to be held peacefully and the voters would select the best candidates through the polls.'

Professor Shamsul, who is competing from the pro-BNP panel, said, 'We want a free and fair election where every voter can exercise their franchise without any hesitation.'

He urged the authorities to take steps for ensuring security of candidates and voters.

Nazmul Islam, a registered graduate from 38th batch, said that they want a student-friendly senate.

