

The Rajshahi University Act, 1973

(ACT NO. XXVI OF 1973)

An Act to repeal the Rajshahi University Ordinance, 1961 and provide for reconstitution and reorganisation of the University of Rajshahi.

WHEREAS it is expedient to reconstitute and reorganise the University of Rajshahi for the purpose of improving the teaching and research provided thereby and the administration thereof;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title,
and**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Rajshahi University Act, 1973.

commencement

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 16th day of December, 1972.

Definitions

2. In this Act, and in all Statutes made hereunder, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the University constituted under this Act;

(b) “affiliated college” means an institution recognised by, and affiliated to the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the University Ordinances;

(c) “Authority” means any of the Authorities of the University hereinafter specified in this Act or the Statutes;

(d) “college teacher” means a Professor, a Lecturer or any other person belonging to a college appointed or recognised in accordance with the Statutes for imparting instruction at a constituent college or any professional, technical or any other college affiliated to the University;

(e) “Commission” means the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh constituted under the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Order, 1973 (P.O. No. 10 of 1973);

(f) “constituent college” means a college recognised as such by the University;

(g) “Hall” means a unit of residence for students of the University provided or maintained by the University for the corporate life and extra-curricular instructions of its students;

(h) “Hostel” means a unit of residence for the students of the University provided otherwise than by the University, and not maintained by the University but approved and licensed by the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(i) “provost” means the head of a Hall;

(j) “Registered Graduate” means a graduate registered under the provisions of this Act;

(k) “Senate” means the Senate of the University constituted under this Act;

(l) “Statutes”, “University Ordinances” and “Regulations” mean respectively the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University for the time being in force;

(m) “Syndicate” means the Syndicate of the University constituted under this Act;

(n) “teachers” include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers of the University and any other persons declared to be teacher by the University;

(o) “University” means the University of Rajshahi;

(p) “Warden” means the head of a Hostel; and

(q) “year” means academic year beginning on the 1st day of July.

3. (1) The University of Rajshahi shall be reconstituted at Rajshahi in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University and the members of the Senate, the Syndicate and the Academic Council and all persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the University of Rajshahi.

(3) The University shall have perpetual succession and common seal, and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

(4) The University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, which have become vested in or been acquired by it for the purpose of the University and to contract and to do all other things necessary for the purpose of this Act.

**Powers of
the
University**

4. The University shall have the powers-

(a) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit, and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(b) to affiliate and disaffiliate colleges;

(c) to prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by the University or the affiliated colleges;

(d) to hold examinations and to grant and confer certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic distinctions to and on persons who-

(i) shall have pursued a course of study provided or prescribed by the University, or

(ii) are teachers in educational institutions, under conditions laid down in the University Ordinances and Regulations, and shall have passed the examinations of the University under like conditions;

(iii) have carried on private study under conditions laid down in the Statutes;

(e) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on persons in the manner laid down in the Statutes;

- (f) to grant such diplomas to, and to provide such lectures and instruction for, persons not being students of the University, as the University may determine;
- (g) to inspect affiliated or constituent colleges and hostels attached to them;
- (h) to co-operate with other Universities and authorities in such manner and for such purposes as the University may determine;
- (i) to institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships, Lecturerships, and any other teaching posts required by the University, and to appoint persons to such Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships, Lecturerships and such other teaching posts;
- (j) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions and prizes in accordance with the Statutes and the Regulations;
- (k) to set up and maintain academic museums, schools and institutes for the development of teaching and research;
- (l) to institute and maintain Halls for the residence of the students of the University and to approve and license Hostels maintained by other persons for the residence of such students;
- (m) to demand and receive such fees as may be prescribed by the University Ordinances;
- (n) to supervise and control the residence and discipline of the students of the University, to regulate their extra-curricular activities and to make arrangements for promoting their health; and
- (o) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objectives of the University as a teaching and examining body and to cultivate and promote arts, science and other branches of learning.

5. (1) The University shall exercise the powers conferred on it by or under this Act within the territorial limits of Rajshahi Division and Khulna Division excluding Bakerganj and Patuakhali Districts and in respect of the institutions lying therein and imparting instruction and training above the Intermediate stage:

Provided that the Government may by law modify the extent and scope of the exercise of the aforesaid powers of the University with regard to such territorial limits or institutions:

Provided further that nothing in this section shall apply to any agricultural or technical institutions established with the sanction of the Government.

(2) No educational institution imparting instruction above the Intermediate stage situated within the territorial limits of the University shall remain affiliated to, or be admitted to the privileges of, any other University established by law:

Provided that nothing in this section shall preclude the Government from setting up other University or Universities, or special Boards for the conduct of examinations and affiliating educational institutions in regard to such courses of instruction and training as it may deem fit:

Provided further that the University shall have power to frame Statutes for constituting one Government body for both the Degree and Intermediate sections of Colleges which have not been bifurcated.

**University
open to all
classes,
castes and
creeds**

6. The University shall be open to all persons of either sex and of whatever religion, race, creed, class or colour.

**Teaching of
the
University**

7. (1) All recognised teaching in connection with the examinations of the University shall be conducted by the University or constituent or affiliated colleges, or schools or institutes and shall include lectures, work in the laboratories and workshops; and the teaching shall be conducted by