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Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET) is committed to **reducing inequalities within and among communities**, in line with **Sustainable Development Goal 10**. The university promotes equitable access to quality education, fosters social inclusion, and supports opportunities for students and faculty from diverse socio-economic and regional backgrounds.

Key Highlights

Diversity in Student Enrollment:

- RUET's undergraduate student body includes students from **all 8 divisions of Bangladesh**, including traditionally underrepresented northern districts.
- Approximately **45 % of enrolled students are female**, reflecting ongoing efforts toward **gender parity in STEM**. ([RUET Annual Report 2024](#))

Financial Support & Scholarships:

- RUET provides **merit-based and need-based scholarships**, including the **Prime Minister's Scholarship, RUET Merit Scholarship, and departmental assistance programs**.
- Around **200 students annually** benefit from financial support targeting disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. (RUET Student Affairs)

Accessible Campus & Facilities:

- The university has enhanced infrastructure to support **students with disabilities**, including ramps, accessible hostels, and **assistive technology in laboratories and classrooms**, ensuring equitable access for all.

Outreach & Community Engagement:

- Departments conduct **STEM workshops, skill-building programs, and awareness campaigns** in rural and underprivileged areas of northern Bangladesh.

- These initiatives reached **over 1,000 students and community members in 2024**, promoting inclusion and capacity-building. ([RUET Career Forum](#))

Equitable Faculty & Staff Opportunities:

- RUET implements **transparent hiring and promotion policies**, providing equal opportunities for male and female faculty members.
- As of 2024, **~30 % of faculty are female**, with active efforts to increase representation through targeted recruitment initiatives.

Impact & Next Steps

RUET's policies and programs **reduce regional, socio-economic, and gender-based inequalities** by ensuring access to high-quality STEM education and professional development opportunities.

Planned Directions:

- Expand scholarships and financial support to reach **more than 500 students annually** from underprivileged communities.
- Introduce **mentorship programs** connecting senior students and alumni with students from remote districts.
- Enhance campus **accessibility for students with disabilities**, including smart classroom technology and assistive learning devices.
- Strengthen **community outreach programs**, particularly in remote and underrepresented northern districts, to provide STEM education and vocational training.