

Accommodation problem, teacher shortage hit higher education

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov. 14:—Shortage of teachers, lack of accommodation and absence of cleanliness hampers the academic atmosphere in the Government Rashiduzzoha Mohila College.

There are 10 departments in the college which needs at least 40 teachers. But at present 8 teachers teach 700 students. The departments of Bengali, English, Philosophy, Chemistry, Mathematics and Botany have one teacher each. The department of Political Science and Botany have one teacher each. The department of Political Science, Physics, and Zoology have no teachers. The Department of Economics has two teachers as against four teachers.

The quota of teachers in government colleges is not maintained properly. Absence of subject-wise recruitment of teachers is another factor for deteriorating the situation.

Acute accommodation problem is prevailing in the college. Shortage of class rooms, chairs, benches, blackboard is also hampering the education of students.

There are no common and waiting rooms for the students. The students spend off periods under the trees. The library has poor collection of books.

Absence of proper cleanliness is another impediment. The lavatories remain uncleaned for months together as there is no sweeper in the college. The class rooms and other rooms remain uncleaned resulting in health hazard for the students. The guardians felt that the problems should be solved as early as possible.

Lakshmipur Govt. College

Our Lakshmipur correspondent reports: The Lakshmipur Govt. College has been facing acute accommodation problem.

The college having present roll strength of 2500 students, has no accommodation of only 1500 students. It means that 1000 students have no sitting arrangement.

On the other hand, there is an acute shortage of benches for the students. About 1500 students who are accommodated, have no benches to sit.

When contacted the principal of the college said that he has managed some benches out of the contributions made by the teachers, but still 200 pairs of benches are required for the available space.

The principal further said that there is an acute shortage of chairs in the teacher's common room.

No suitable hostel

The college has small apartment known as a Principal Abdul Jabbar Hostel which has accommodation of only 16 students. The hostel facility in the college is only 0.64 per cent. This hostel building is in deplorable condition. The students are to fold their beddings and keep on sitting when it rains.

The college has no auditorium, union office of students and cycle stand since its establishment in early sixties.

No security wall

The college has no boundary wall.

This causes an easy trespass for the outsiders into college premises. Moreover cattle are found grazing in the college premises destroying the new saplings of tree.

The college has a small common room for the students. The number of students has increased manifold including girl students, who cannot enter the room. A separate common room for the girl students is essential.

No honours course

There is no facility for honours course in any subject in the college. Many students willing to get themselves admitted into honours course are deprived of getting the facility.

The students demanded that the college should be made an university college by introducing master degree course to facilitate the students of the remote areas of the district to have higher education.

The Lakshmipur College authority recently brought the law and order situation under control. This was done with consultation of the college staffs with the students and political parties. An all party reconciliation meeting held recently agreed that there will be no political activities in the college for one year.

The college authority will take severe action against students who will be responsible for any incident by December 31 next, according to an agreement reached in the all party meeting.

Chuadanga

Our Chuadanga correspondent states: Alamdanga, the biggest thana

with a population of 3 lakhs has one degree college in the town. The college was established in 1965 on seven hectares of land.

The college which was damaged during the War of Liberation has got a new lease of life. The roll strength is, at present 1200.

The people of the thana demanded nationalisation of the college.

The college, with 1200 students, 32 teachers and 18 members of staff, has been facing a host of problems.

Bandarban

Our Bandarban correspondent adds: Female education is being hampered in Bandarban town due to inadequate residential facilities for the girl students.

There are one government college, two government high schools and one non-government high school, but there is one hostel run by the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board which accommodated only 25 girl students and 75 boy students.

Female education is being hampered for want of hostel facility for the girl students.

Local leaders and elite urged the concerned authorities to construct at least one separate hostel for the girl students in the town immediately.

Two hostels will be constructed in Baghaichhari and Kaptai thana of the Rangamati District for the primary school students. Each hostel will have 100 seats. The Facilities Department of the Education Ministry has allocated Tk 1,09,00,000/- for implementation of the projects.

The construction of these hostel will start in the current fiscal year and will be completed by next fiscal year.