

Appoint brilliant students with suitable salary

# Quality teaching will help improve education

RAJSHAHI, Oct. 31:—A seminar on school and madrasa education organised by Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate was held at P.N. Girls High School yesterday, reports BSS.

Presided over by Mr. Sirajul Islam, Deputy Commissioner, Rajshahi, the function was also addressed, among others, by Dr. A.H.M. Karim, Director General, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate, Prof. Md. Abdul Mannan, Chairman, Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board, Dr. Mozammel Haque, Director (Secondary Education), Syed Alamgir Farook Chowdhury, Divisional Commissioner and Yunus Ali Dewan, Deputy Director, Secondary and Higher Secondary Directorate, Rajshahi region.

About 2000 teachers both from government and private schools and madrasahs of greater Rajshahi, Pabna and Bogra district attended the day-long seminar.

The speakers freely discussed the present education system including adoption of unfair means in the ex-

amination halls and said that quality teacher and teaching in the educational institutions was essential for greater national interest. They also viewed for inclusion of national ideology, social values and religious sentiments in the text-books so that students could be benefitted.

The speakers suggested fundamental changes in the education system. They opposed the random nationalisation of educational institutions and suggested selecting the best teaching staff, from among the brilliant students by providing suitable salary and other benefits to them.

Quality books, teaching staff and dedication of teacher would help education sector immensely and education for all will be possible by 2000 years.

## Satkhira

Our Satkhira Correspondent writes:—Most of the high schools of Satkhira district have been facing innumerable problems including shortage of furniture and accommodation, lack of adequate educa-

tional appliances and fund constraints.

There are 166 high schools and 56 junior high schools in seven upazilas of the district of which two schools are situated at Satkhira town.

The non-government high schools can hardly serve their purposes because of multifarious problems.

Many schools established at the local initiatives have not been accorded government recognition though they possess requisite number of students and excellent academic performances. Due to lack of government financial assistance, teachers of these schools cannot be paid monthly salary regularly.

Accommodation crisis prevails in these schools. The rooms are not spacious.

Many school houses damaged by the cyclone remained unrepaired.

None of these schools has sufficient arrangement for supplying pure drinking water. The students take impure water from ponds.

## Science buildings

The Education Department, Satkhira has constructed 34 science buildings for non-government secondary schools in the district at a cost of Taka one crore and two lakhs. Each building having 1200 square feet consists of two rooms built at a cost of Taka 2.75 lakh.

These schools will be provided with furniture and equipment for the development of sciences and technological knowledge of the students. Besides two more primary schools will have semi-pucca buildings.

## Kurigram

Our Kurigram Correspondent writes:—As many as 128 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for a long time in nine upazilas of Kurigram district hampering the implementation of Universal Primary Education Programme in the district.

The quota of teachers in government primary schools in this district

was not maintained properly. Some schools having a large number of students have been facing shortage of teachers while many schools having no requisite number of students possess excess teachers. There are 1,71,323 students in different primary schools in nine upazilas of Kurigram district. According to District Education Office, there are 2,476 teachers working in different primary schools. The requirement of teachers is 2,604. The remaining 128 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for a long time.

The upazilawise vacant posts are as follows: 14 in Kurigram sadar, 14 in Ulipur, 21 in Chilmari, 11 in Rowmari, 8 in Rajibpur, 22 in Rajarhat, 12 in Nageswari, 13 in Bhurungamari, and 13 in Fulbari upazila.