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Kurigram schools facing teacher shortage

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KURIGRAM, Aug 7:—The Secondary and Higher Education in Kurigram district is being hampered as the schools and colleges are facing manifold problems.

The problems include shortage of teachers and educational appliances. The dilapidated condition of schools and college buildings stands in the way of progress of education.

Many non-government secondary schools, which were damaged by storms and tornadoes have not yet been repaired. As a result classes are being held under the open sky.

In many school, students take their lesson standing on feet due to acute shortage of benches. Besides, the number of teachers is insufficient in almost all the schools and colleges.

There are 78 high schools including two govt. school, 33 junior high schools, 46 madrasahs and 3 govt. colleges, seven non-govt colleges in the district for the population of 1 lakh 17 thousand 4 hundred 34. There is only one college for the girl students in the district. The literacy percentage in the district is 14 among the and 10 among women.

About 3,000 students of different educational institutions in Kurigram town are experiencing great difficulties for want of transport facilities.

Kurigram Zila Parishad approved the annual budget of Taka one crore

22 lakh 5 thousand 4 hundred 72 for the year of 1989-90.

The approval was given at a meeting held at the Parishad's conference room with Mr. Nazimuddin, M.P. Chairman of the Parishad in the chair.

It is learnt that Tk 90 lakh would come from government grant while the rest amount from tax and other sources. The expenditure heads are staff salary, 14 development projects and others.

The Kurigram Sadar upazila Parishad has approved the annual budget had approved the annual budget of Taka 95,11,780 for the current Fiscal year.

A daring burglary was committed in the Confidence Electronics shop of Mr. Shafiar Rahman of Kurigram Adarsha Pura Bazar on the 1st August.

The miscreants took away valuable electronic goods including calculator, radio cassette wrist watch valued at about Tk. 50,000.

Two local journalists of Lalmonirhat town Sultan Ahmed of Dainik Desh and Rafiqul Islam of the Dainik Janata were attacked by some miscreants on their way to local weekly "Zanazani" office premises from the office of chamber of Commerce recently.