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125 Secondary schools facing financial hardship in Nilphamari

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NILPHAMARI, Nov 22.— Different educational institutions in six thanas of the district have been facing manifold problems.

There are 125 high schools in the district. According to source, inadequate funds, lack of educational appliances, shortage of furniture and accommodation are the main problems that hamper education of students greatly.

It is also learnt that most of the schools established under local initiatives were not affiliated by the Government.

Under this backdrop, these institutions are running without government financial assistance and many are on the verge of closure. Students of these schools said many of them can't sit in the classrooms due to shortage of accommodation.

According to local guardians a number of school buildings which were damaged by the natural calamities have not yet been repaired. Scarcity of pure drinking water is also acute problems.

Local leaders and elite have urged the government to take immediate steps to affiliate non-registered schools and provide necessary funds for smooth functioning of these schools to speed

light education in rural areas.

2 held with revolver

Domar thana police arrested two youths and recovered one revolver from their possession on November 17. They are Badal of Domar thana and Golam Mostafa of Keraniganj thana.

It is reported that on the day of occurrence the said youths bring one revolver from Chilahati border of Domar thana for smuggling to Dhaka on getting secret information Domar police held them while they were trying to go to Dhaka and recovered one revolver from their possession.

A case has been registered with Domar police station in this connection.

Potato, wheat farming schemes

About 5,69,500 hectares of land have been brought under wheat and potato cultivation during the current season in northern districts. The production target has been fixed 16,94,480 metric tons. Under the programme a total of 4,81,900 hectares of land will be brought under wheat cultivation to produce 6,43,280 metric tons of wheat and 87,600 hectares of land will be brought under potato cultivation to produce 10,51,200 metric tons of potato.