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Nilphamari Govt College facing teacher shortage

From Our Correspondent

NILPHAMARI, Dec 21.—The Nilphamari Government College has been facing multifarious problems hampering the education of students.

Established in 1958, the college was nationalised in 1979 but educational facilities and requisite number of teachers have not yet been provided to run the college smoothly.

There are 14 associate professors and 29 lecturers including 4 demonstrators in the science department of the college for above 800 students. But only 25 teachers including 5 associate professors, 8 assistant professors, 10 lecturers and 2 demonstrators are presently working in the college.

One post of lecturer in the department of English, one post of the assistant professor in the department of Economics, one post of assistant professor in the department of Political Science, one post of assistant professor and one post of lecturer in the department of History, one post of assistant professor and one post of lecturer in the department of Islamic History, 4 posts out of one associate professor, one assistant professor and 2 post of lecturers in the department of Philosophy, one post of associate professor in department of Chemistry, one post of associate professor, one post of assistant professor and one post of lecturer in the department of Physics, one post of associate professor, one post of assistant professor and one post of lecturer in the department of Zoology, one post of assistant professor in the department of Botany, two posts of lecturers in the department of Management, one post of associate professor and one post of assistant professor in the department of Mathematics and 2 posts of demonstrators in the department of Zoology and Physics respectively have been lying vacant for a long time. Out of the 64 posts 25 posts of teachers have been lying vacant.

No teachers in two departments

Moreover, Rajshahi University has introduced Arabic course, but there is no teacher for the subject. There are no teachers in the department of Philosophy a long time.

Honours course

It is the popular demand of both students and guardians for opening honours courses in various subjects in the college.

For want of honours courses local students either have to be admitted in to the pass course or to go Dhaka, Rajshahi or elsewhere for higher studies. But it is not possible on the

part of poor students to bear the expences of studying outside.

The State Minister of Education declared in a function at Nilphamari College recently that the honours courses for two subjects will be started very soon at Nilphamari Government college, but no measures have been taken.

Class rooms

Besides, there are acute shortage of class rooms in the college. The main arts building was build in 1957 on an emergency basis. The entire building has become unfit for holding classes. Rain water leaks down from the roof. The old science building may collapse of any time, it is apprehended. The apparatus in the science laboratory are old and insufficient.

The college is facing shortage of furniture including sitting arrangements for the students.

College library

Accommodation in the college library cum-reading room is quite insufficient. The library does not have sufficient number of books. In the absence of assistant librarian it is now being managed by only one librarian and the annual budget for purchasing books is not sufficient.

There is an auditorium in the college but there is no furniture including sitting arrangement. As a result functions cannot be held properly and smoothly.

There is no quarter for the Principal of the college. A foundation stone of principal's quarter was laid in the college compound in 1958. But 33 years have passed and the principal's quarter has not yet been built. On the other hand due to absence of staff quarters the teachers are living in private houses.

There are two separate common rooms in the college. It was built in the year 1964 with CI sheet.

The accommodation in the common rooms is quite insufficient to meet the needs of increasing number of students.

Hostels

The hostels of the college except one were built with CI sheet and wood in the year 1964. The condition of the hostel is deplorable. There is no hostel superintendent.

There is a playing ground in the college. But the field is not fit for playing my games. There is no night guard in the college.

While contacted Md. Rafiqur Rahman Chowdhury principal of the college told me that the college has been facing a host of problems.