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## Pathraj College facing manifold problems

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PANCHAGARH, Jan. 8 : Pathraj College under Boda upazila is confronted with multifarious problems including shortage of accommodation, furniture, laboratory equipments, games and sports, materials etc.

The college was established in 1972. Ex-president Ershad during his last visit to the college made a commitment to up-grade the college into degree level with an assurance of introducing arts and commerce departments newly.

According to a report, it is known that no action has so far been taken to translate the president's words into action to improve the deplorable condition of the college and raise the standard of education there.

The college being the lone seat of learning in the area is not big enough to accommodate huge student's.

There are only five class rooms in the college which lack

requisite number of benches. The college stands on an area of 6.67 acres of land. It has a common room only for the female students while no such facility is available for their male counterparts.

At present, the total strength of the college is 600, having 19 qualified teachers entrusted with the task of teaching and 5 non-teaching staff.

The seating arrangement of the college can't meet the existing needs. Chairs, tables and almirah are not even sufficient to run the college.

There is a male hostel in the college which is not yet equipped with electricity facility. Students suffer a lot for want of pucca road starting from the college to Boda-Panchagarh highway.

What is badly required at the moment is to raise the college upto degree level which can only mitigate the sufferings of pupils ambitious for higher studies. For want of "Degree" classes in the college, the pupils from far-flung areas have to trek a long distance to go to Thakurgaon or Panchagarh Government College to continue their higher studies.

Due to inadequate number of books and other teaching materials in the college, the pupils have to suffer enormously. The condition of the laboratory is not satisfactory at all. A great necessity of equipments for practical classes is felt by science students.