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## Secondary schools plagued in Chandanaish

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PATIYA: Secondary education in Chandanaish Upazila is being hampered due to manifold problems faced by the schools. The problems include shortage of teachers, educational equipment, lack of furniture and irregular payment of salary. There are 14 non-government secondary schools including 2 for girls in the upazila. Many schools which were constructed long ago are in a dilapidated condition. Cracks have developed in the roofs and walls of some of the school houses and water trickles through leakages. Under such a situation books, the valuable articles and furniture are damaged in the rainy season. Many schools do not have required number of chairs,

benches, blackboards and arrangement for safe drinking water, it is gathered.

Due to fund constraints payment of salary of teachers is irregular and as a result many teachers have already left their respective institutions. About 80 per cent of the schools have no play ground. Most of the schools have no laboratory.

A good number of students seek hostel accommodation every session. But due to meagre hostel facilities, they are compelled to reside elsewhere in the town. Extra curricular activities are almost absent.

Hashimpur Khandighi High School under Chandanaish Upazila has been in pitiable condition due lack of proper care and

maintenance. Due to acute shortage of benches the students take their lessons standing on foot.

Gasbaria Nityananda Gaur Chandra High School has been plagued with multifarious problems. Established in 1918 at the initiative of local patrons the schools now lack the requisite number of teachers. The roll strength of the school is 1200. Shortage of books in library and necessary equipment in the laboratory has been shattering the academic atmosphere of the school. There is no room to say prayer in the school.

The people of the area have urged upon the Government to remove the problems of the schools and undertake measures to extend adequate facilities those.