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RU central library in grip of problems

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RAJSHAHI, UNIVERSITY, Aug 3: Central Library of Rajshahi University, the Second largest library of Bangladesh is now beset with various problems particularly due to negligence in library administration, corruption, misappropriation of money, shortage of books and economic crisis. These problems are depriving the students and teachers of the university necessary library facilities.

It is learnt that several reports on misappropriation of taka 43 lakh in connection of purchasing of books for the Central Library was published in 1991 and 1992 in different national dailies.

Besides, reading room of the library could not accommodate the rising number of the students.

It may be noted here that the library was established in 1955 when the number of students was very little but now the number of students has increased to 24000 against only

500 seats in the library.

According to highest authoritative source there had been a plan to transfer the science section of the library reading room to some other place but it is not yet implemented and that too only for want of fund.

It is further reported that the rule of presenting identity cards for entering the reading room is not being maintained. Consequently taking the advantage of the situation some outsiders enter into the library and get engage in unlawful activities.

Though the number of books and journals in the library is 254,000 but not more than eight percent are related with the curriculum. On many occasions, students fail to borrow from the library.

It is alleged that current copies of journals like News Week, New York Times, Tar Eastern Economic Review Reader Digest, Bechitra etc are not available in the library while the entry book shows their presence in the library.