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Siraj-ud-Dowla Hall needs renovation

A few months back the name of a students' hall of Bangladesh Agricultural Institute (BAI), Dhaka, was prominently focused on both print and broadcast media. It was "Siraj-ud-Dowla Hall" of BAI in the garden of which, the century flower was bloomed. This hall maintains a beautiful garden which contains a number of flower plants including the century plant. (Century Plant is a tropical American agave which has fleshy leaves and a tall stalk with greenish flowers. This plant has been so named because mistakenly it was thought that the century flowers bloom only once a century).

Anyway the Siraj-ud-Dowla Hall is also almost a half-century old students hall of BAI. It is a semi-pucca hall with so many problems. This tin-shed

hall has no modern living amenities. Even its sewerage line has yet to get access to the capital's central sewerage system. There is the lack of furnitures and kitchen materials. The students are living in this hall with great hardship. The Institute authority has only a very limited fund for improving the poor condition of the hall. Due to lack of fund the PWD is constrained to undertake renovation and maintenance work of the hall.

It may be mentioned here that soon after the present democratic government came into power this Institute witnessed some development works. We are grateful to the respectable Prime Minister who

took personal initiative to construct a Ladies Hostel for solving the long standing accommodation Problems of the female students of BAI.

Drawing their kind attention to the above-mentioned dilapidated condition of the Siraj-ud-Dowla Hall, we would request the Prime Minister, Agriculture Minister and other concerned to arrange to construct a new pucca building at the present site of the hall.

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