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## Nilphamari College lacks educational facilities

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NILPHAMARI, Dec. 4:—The Nilphamari Government College has been facing multifarious problems hampering education of the 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, 17 assistant professors and 28 lecturers including 4 demonstrators in the Science Department of the college for about 700 students. But only 29 teachers including 14 assistant professors, 13 lecturers and 2 demonstrators are at present working in the college. Almost all the departments have been running with shortage of

teachers.

Moreover, Rajshahi University has introduced Arabic course two years ago but there are no teachers for these subjects.

Besides the posts of Accountant, Clerk and Assistant Librarian have been lying vacant for a long time.

Due to absence of staff quarters the teachers are living in private houses.

Additional class-rooms are necessary to cater to the needs of students. The science building is unfit for use but the students still use it as a class-room at a risk of life. It may collapse at any moment. Accommodation for the college library-cum-reading room is quite insuffi-

cient. There is an auditorium in the college for holding meetings, cultural functions, but there is no furniture including sitting arrangement. The accommodation in the hostels is quite insufficient to cater to the needs of increasing number of students. There is no post of Hostel Superintendent. There is a canteen in the college but it has become unusable for students.

The college is facing of furniture including sitting arrangements for the students. There is a playground in front of the college but it is unfit for use. As a result, sports activities are almost absent in the college. The college has no transport.

While contacted Mr. Nuriddin, Principal Incharge of the College told this correspondent that the college has been facing a host of problems.

According to District Education Office source about 1,15,548 boys and girls who reach the age of attending schools are not getting proper education for want of necessary facilities in the schools.

In all there are 482 government primary schools in Nilphamari district. There is no congenial atmosphere in most of the schools.

### 104 Primary teachers needed

As many as 104 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for a long time in six upazilas of Nilphamari district. As a result, Universal Primary Education Programme is being seriously hampered all over the district.

The quota of teachers in government primary schools in this district was not maintained properly. Some schools having a large number of students have been facing shortage of teachers.