

"Shortage of teachers in Bogra Govt College"

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Bogra Government College in the district town has been running without sufficient teachers as well as classrooms, greatly hampering academic activities.

Besides, the college has only one official to run the administration.

Two buildings, out of the three on the campus, are about to be abandoned while a floor of the new three-storey building has a laboratory, library and ICT laboratory. Classes are held in six rooms on two other floors.

A section of an old building is used as a teachers' common room, principal's office and administrative office.

The college is situated on 89 decimals of land in Satmatha area beside Sherpur road in the town.

Principal-in-Charge Md Faruk Ahmed said the college started its journey in 1965 as an attached institution with government polytechnic institute for diploma in commerce.

The college opened commerce group in 1981 and it was named Bogra Government Commercial College, he added. It was turned into Bogra Government College as a general college under Rajshahi Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board on May 12 in 2016, he said.

The college had been conducting its activities with an acting principal, three assistant professors, four lecturers and an office staff until the middle of last year.

After it was made a general college in 2016, the education board approved 23 subjects and admission of 650 students in the 2016-2017 session of Higher Secondary level in science, humanities and commerce groups. A total of 577 students were admitted to the college last year, and it has got permission to admit 850 students for the 2017-2018 session, the principal said.

Faruk said although it has been made a general college, no post for teachers and staff has been created so

far and the college has been running with eight approved teachers, including the principal, 12 teachers on deputation and three or four office staff, instead of 48 teachers -- 24 assistant professors and 24 lecturers -- for 23 subjects and 30 staff.

Science student Selina Ferdous said there is shortage of teachers and laboratory facilities for them. There is also lack of library and residential facilities, she added.

Commerce student Himadry Sarkar said they are to depend on private tutors as they do not have sufficient facilities in the class and necessary books in the library.

Faruk Ahmed, also an assistant professor of accounting department, said the college authorities wrote a letter to the Ministry of Education on October 10 in 2016 for creating posts of 24 assistant professors, 24 lecturers and 30 staff and for establishing infrastructure for smooth academic and administrative activities of the college, but there has been no result visible as yet.