

Learning in inundated classroom

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Learning at two schools in the district is being hampered as the classrooms go under water even after a moderate rain.

About 1,000 students of Jharbari High School and Jharbari Government Primary School in Shotogram Union under Birganj upazila suffered as their classrooms go under water if it rains.

The students have to attend their classes in ankle-deep water that entered due to incessant rain from Friday.

Maisha, a student of Jharbari Government Primary School, said classrooms and the playground of their school often go under water if there is a little rain. Many students avoid attending classes due to the water-logging as it often causes coughing and itching. "It is really difficult for us to keep our legs under water for a long time," she added.

Md Kawsar Hossain of the same school said stagnant

rainwater often causes skin problems and many skip classes for this reason.

Headmistress Shahnaz Parvin Jharna said her school, which was founded in 1935, is the oldest primary school in the district and has 294 students.

Blaming the poor drainage system for the water-logging, she said they have been holding classes in inundated classrooms during the rainy season for the last six years. Shahnaz said when the water recedes it smells so bad that it is quite impossible for the students to stay in their classes for long.

She said she had requested local UP Chairman KM Kutubuddin several times to solve the problem but in vain.

This correspondent tried to reach Kutubuddin for his comment but he did not receive the phone call.

Jharbari High School Headmaster Golam Mostafa said such water-logging would continue until a drain is built to pump out the water.