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Primary education beset with problems

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NETRAKONA. Problems bedevil primary education in Netrakona. Irregular appointment, negligence of duty on the part of teachers, lack of amenities and dearth of education implements are the common features of primary education in Netrakona.

It is learnt that a total of 79 posts of primary school teachers are lying vacant for a long time in ten upazilas of Netrakona district. As a result, Universal Primary Education Programme is getting seriously hampered all over the district.

The quota of teachers in government primary schools in this district is not maintained properly. Some schools are facing shortage of teachers having a large number of students while many schools having not the requisite number of students possess excess teachers particularly in the pourashava area.

The upazila-wise number of vacant posts are as follows: Netrakona sadar—5, Purbadhala—11, Khalajuri—3, Barhatta—6, Kalmakanda—14, Kendua—13, Madar—14, Durgapur—4, Atpara—5 and Mohanganj—3. Immediate steps to improve the situation in the interest of primary education have been urged.