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Host of problems at Jhinkargacha School

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JESSORE: The Jhinkargacha Bilateral Pilot Girls High School under Jhinkargacha upazila of Jessore district is facing a host of problems. The institution needs immediate nationalisation for overall development of female education in the area.

Established in 1937 as a junior high school, the School was upgraded to a high school in the year 1953 at the initiative of several philanthropists of the locality including late Abdu Samad, known as 'Bara Shabib' of the area. At present there is a big two-storied building, one one-storied vocational training centre and a primary section on a plot of 1.32 acres of land. The present student strength of the School is over 500.

Jhinkargacha Pilot Girls High School was taken up under pilot project of the government in 1977 and has been

brought under community project in 1983.

The Head Mistress of the School Mrs Jannat Ara Chowdhury told this correspondent that in spite of their best efforts they failed to bring the School under nationalisation programme.

She said that besides general education for students the institution is also imparting training to destitute and unemployed women in sewing, embroidery, preparation of food, handicrafts and other items for their livelihood. She said that a large number of women folk receiving training from their vocational centres were employed at different places.

The Jhinkargacha Pilot Girls High School is also has a science laboratory and a rich library. The School compound is well protected. The teaching staff consists of 14 teachers including four B.A. B.Ed.