

Bhurungamari College faces fund shortage

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KURIGRAM, Dec. 17:—Bhurungamari College, situated in Bhurungamari Upazila headquarters under Kurigram district, has been facing multifarious problems including shortage of accommodation, furniture, and inadequate equipment in science laboratory and lack of necessary appliances for games and sports.

Bhurungamari college established in 1967 and upgraded into a degree college with Arts and Commerce in 1970, the only institution for higher education, does not have sufficient accommodation. There are only seven rooms in the college situated on seven acres of land. Due to shortage of space in the classrooms. The students cannot even move smoothly. There is a common room for female students but no common room for the male students.

The college has on its roll about 1,000 students, while there are 24 teachers and 11 non-teaching staff. But the seat arrangement for the students cannot meet the need for want of necessary number of benches. Besides, other furniture including chair, table and almirah are insufficient. Moreover, the science students after passing the HSC examination could not prosecute their higher studies as there is no B.Sc. course in the college.

Due to inadequate number of books in the library, the students can hardly prepare their studies. Science laboratory accommodated in a small room has been running without requisite equipment resulting in untold troubles for the science students. The students of this college are badly in need of sports appliances, not to speak of recreational facilities.

Despite good academic atmosphere the college cannot accommodate the number of students seeking admission into respective classes.

It is learnt that the under construction two-storied building measuring 96 ft. by 25 ft. remains incomplete since long due to fund constraint.

When contacted, the Principal of the college told that the college had been running with the financial assistance of the local people, which is quite insufficient to provide necessary funds.

People of the area have urged the authority concerned to do the needful for providing assistance for smooth running of the college.

An exciting one-day cricket match between the team of combined teacher-students of Arts-Science and teacher-students team of Commerce was held recently at the Kurigram College campus.

The team of Commerce teacher-student won a comfortable victory without loss in reply to the team of combined Arts-Science 86 runs all out in 25 overs.

Good fielding and bowling by the team of Commerce Department won

the match by 9 wickets.

Prof. S K Abdul Jalil of Commerce team became the man of the match.

No good road

The inhabitants of Bhurungamari Upazila in Kurigram district have been facing multifarious problems due to lack of some basic amenities.

There are 1,49,196 people live in ten unions surrounded by Indian territory in three sides. People of this Upazila are yet to be bestowed with minimum amenities.

There is no good road which could be used during the rainy season. Besides, the condition of the existing 16-mile pucca and 194-miles kutcha roads is in deplorable condition. At present hundreds of potholes and cracks have developed at different points of these roads causing immense sufferings to the common people.

In the absence of direct road link with the zila headquarters, people of the upazila have been suffering a lot, which is separated by the river Dharla from Kurigram zila headquarters. Besides, the erosion of the river Fulkumar and the Dudkumar is another vexing problem for the people of the Upazila.

As far as agriculture is concerned the Bhurungamari farmers have little access to improved seeds, fertilizers as well as agricultural loan since adequate facilities in these regards have not been provided in this area, it is alleged. Due to these reasons, the agriculture sector of Bhurungamari upazila is still undeveloped resulting in poor output in all the seasons.

The picture of the education sector of the upazila is also very grim. There are 59 govt. primary school, 20 non-govt. primary school, 9 secondary schools, one college and 150 madrasahs in the Upazila. The percentage of literacy is only 16. Almost all the primary schools lack the minimum required furniture, educational appliances and pucca houses.

Teachers and other employees of a number of schools are not getting salaries.