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Teacher shortage in Bandarban College

BANDARBAN, Oct. 21:—The only government college of Bandarban Hill district has been smarting under multifarious problems for a long time, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, the students have been suffering much due to shortage of teachers and classrooms, lack of facilities in hostel and poor stock of apparatus in the science laboratory in the college.

Science students can not do their experiments due to lack of requisite apparatus in the laboratory. Even there is no science demonstrator in the college.

The posts of head-assistant, accountant and librarian are also lying vacant causing hindrances to the normal activities of the college.

When asked, the acting principal told UNB that the college management left no stones unturned to pursue the concerned authorities to solve the problems but nothing tangible has yet been achieved.

The students of the college submitted a memorandum to the Chairman of the Local Government Parishad of Bandarban hill district for early solution of their problems, he added.

Influx of destitutes.

According to a report from Rangamati: Begging is on the rise in all upazila towns and adjoining areas here following influx of destitutes from remote areas, a survey revealed. These below breadline people ren-

dered shelterless by natural visitations trekked into the district town and upazila headquarters for hopes of better earnings, the survey said recently.

The shelterless people once rehabilitated in the greater Chittagong Hill Tracts left the rehabilitation zones mainly for tribal insurgency.

Besides, government ban on extraction of forest produces has stopped their income which eventually forced them to move to the areas for survival.

Dwellers complained that with their onrush, infectious diseases have broken out in the town creating panic among them.

Moreover, anti-social activities have also recorded a sharp rise vitiating the social atmosphere after their arrival in the town and upazila headquarters, they maintained.

The survey added that children aged between 6 to 12 have taken up jobs in hotels, restaurants and in different machinery shops to support their families squatting in the slums at Bhedbhedi, Reserve bazar and Tabalchari of Rangamati and Natunbazar and Shilchuri of Kaptai.

Many young women of these destitute families have taken recourse to prostitution jeopardising the social fabric, residents alleged.

Local elite urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps for immediate rehabilitation of these unfortunate people.