



BARISAL: Photo shows the old building of Govt. BM College.

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## Standard of education falls miserably Acute teacher-shortage, terrorism grip BM College

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BARISAL, Oct 16:—Barisal Government BM College one of the oldest educational institution in the country is now facing many problems including acute shortage of teachers and official staff.

Numerous problems have gripped the institution over the years. The student for long have been demanding to upgrade the college to a university. Though the Govt has taken a decision from upgrading the college into university but no step has been taken in this direction except a formal decision. The existing problems have been affecting standard of the education in the college.

The college is now facing acute problems such as the shortage of teachers and staff. Some of the Departments are now running with one fourth of the required manpower.

There are Post-Graduation Course in 19 disciplines which need at least 250 teachers, 40 class and 110 class IV employees.

BM College has four hostels for the male students and two hostels for the female, which cannot accommodate about ten thousand students currently studying in the college.

There are no teachers or staff quarters in BM College. There are two abandoned tin-shed building where eight teachers are residing with their life risk.

According to the students, every department require at least 12 teachers with one professor, three association professors, four assistant professors and four lecturers.

But the Department of Philosophy is now running with only

three junior teachers. The Sociology Department has only five teachers. Botany has only four teachers. Mathematics has five teachers, and Zoology has four teachers. Bangla Department has six. Economics has nine teachers. History has eight teachers, and English Department has seven teachers.

Besides, Political Science Department has eleven teachers, Physics has nine teachers, Soil Science Department has nine teachers. Chemistry has nine. Management has nine. Social Welfare has six, Islamic History has ten and Accounting has eight teachers.

All these Departments of Barisal Govt BM College has Masters and Honours course. But the students of these department are not getting proper education for want of required teachers.

The departments of Zoology Management, Mathematics, Political Science-Islamic History and Bangla have set up of four professors in each department but all the posts of professors of all departments have been lying vacant for long time and these departments are running without any professor.

On the other side the Departments of English, Philosophy, Social Welfare, Sociology, Botany, Mathematics, Zoology and Soil Science have a set of two professors. Out of that one post of Professor is lying vacant in each department. But these departments require more professors.

The college library cannot meet the demands of Masters and Honours students. The post of the Librarian has been lying vacant

four more than a decade, the post of the Physical Instructors has also been lying vacant for a long time.

The college Gymnasium, Medical Centre, Examination Hall and the existing auditorium are not able to meet the demands of the students so cultural activities of the college have came to a halt for lack of a modern auditorium in College campus.

Only 13 class III and 44 class IV employees are now running the departmental works of the college.

The college Science Laboratory is also not able to meet the demands of the students.

The main problems of the college is terrorism created by the outsiders who often launch attack on the general students for toll. All the hostels of the college and the students of the hostels are now hostage in the hands of outsiders.

It is alleged that outsiders now have let loose a reign of terror in the college with blessing of the ruling party cadres.

Some of the teachers of BM College are now also behaving as ruling partymen. They are also indirectly backing the outsiders.

Most of the teachers who were active in the college function during Awami League rule have now been facing hard ships.