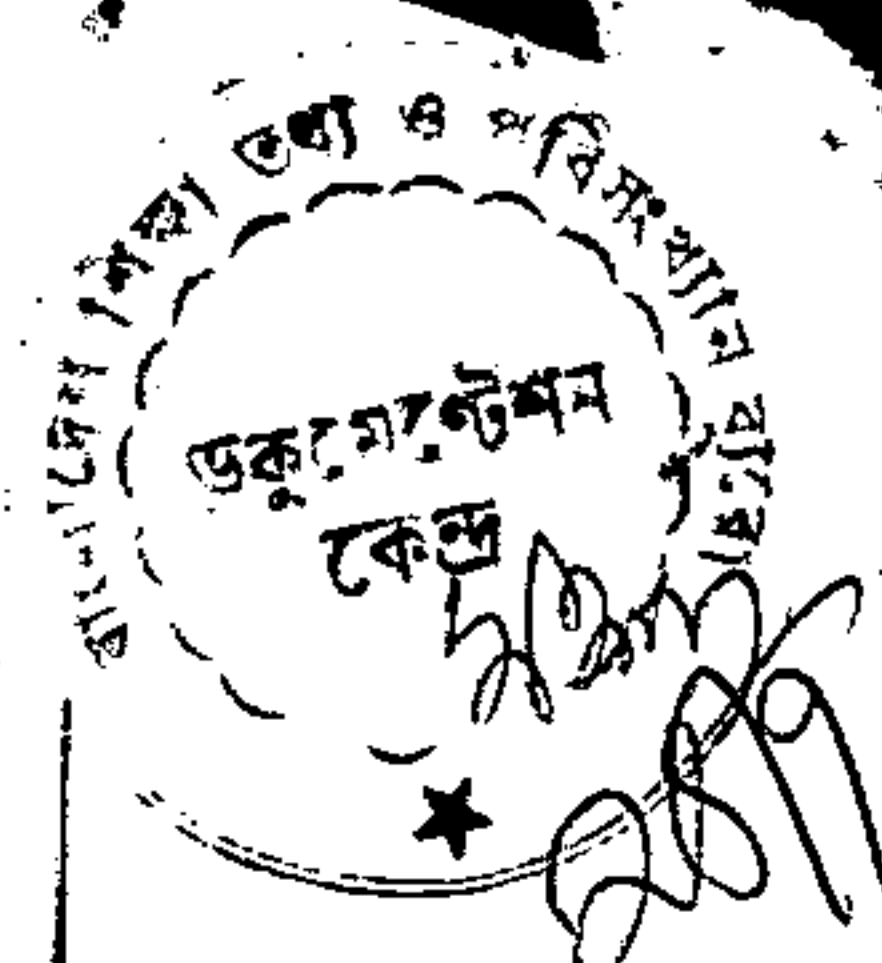


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## Out of 68,127 children, 36,688 denied primary education in Bhairab

From Our Correspondent

**BHAIRAB, July 22:—** There are 68,127 children under the age group of 5 to 14 years, of whom 31,439 are attending the schools. The maximum number of 36,688 is not attending the schools, according to a survey conducted in May last.

The survey has been conducted by the Primary Education Department. The survey was undertaken for three age groups. The first group included the children of the age of 1 to 5 years, the second group 6 to 10 years and the third 11 to 14 years.

The survey was conducted for 37,015 children under first group and 35,408 under second group while 10,398 under the third group with a total of 82,821 children in the thana.

Out of the 68,127 children of age of 5 to 14 years, 31,439 children are attending schools this year while the remaining 36,688 children do not attend schools.

There are 58 government and 17 non-government primary schools in Bhairab thana with 311 teaching staff.

### Joypurhat

Our Joypurhat Correspondent reports: A seminar on "importance of primary education in illiteracy elimination" was held at Panchbibi Thana Parishad auditorium under the auspices of Thana Primary Teachers Association recently.

Presided over by Mr. Alimuddin, President, Thana Primary Teachers' Association, the seminar was addressed by the chief guest Alhaj Golam Rabbani MP, Meer Khurshid Anwar, Thana Nirbahi Officer, Panchbibi, Mr. Nabyut Hossain, District Primary Education Officer, educationist Mr. Momtajuddin Ahmed, local BNP leader Mr. Abdur Rab Bulu, and Mr. Mostafa Kamal, General Secretary Primary Teachers' Association.

The speakers stressed the need for implementing the government programme, i.e. education for all by the year 2000.

### Chuadanga

Our Chuadanga Correspondent reports: A mobile Technical school has been established at Juranpur Club compound under Damurhuda thana patronised by CARITAS on July 1.

Mr. M.A. Bakar, Headmaster, Karpashdanga High School presided the inaugural function while Mr.

Joseph Mandal, Development Officer, CARITAS, Khulna Division was present as chief guest.

Messrs Harun-ur-Rashid, Rabin-dranath Hazra, Fazlur Rahman and Mozammel Huq, Thana level officers of the association spoke on the occasion.

A total of 36 students was admitted to different trades like tailoring, electrical and mechanical. The vocational training aimed at self reliance will continue for a period of 5 months.

### Patuakhali

UNB adds: The education of the students of East Dakua Government Primary School in Galahipa thana of Patuakhali district is being seriously hampered for the want of school house.

Local people said, the school house built with CI Sheet was razed to the ground by the cyclone and flash flood of May 16 last. Since then about 230 students of the school have been suffering badly.

At present the classes are being held in a nearby college which also is in dilapidated condition in the absence of repair work.

Besides, due to shortage of furniture and necessary appliances the primary students and teachers alike are facing numerous problems.

Local people have urged the authorities to take immediate steps to reconstruct the school for the benefit of the children of the area.