

Patuakhali Govt College smarting under problems

From Our Correspondent

PATUAKHALI, Aug. 23:—The historic Patuakhali government university college is beset with manifold problems including crisis of teachers and infrastructure problems due to which education activists are greatly hampered.

College sources said, the college was established in 1957 and was nationalised in May of 1970. It is one of the 30 "A" grade colleges of the country. At present there are about 5000 students including HSC, BA, B.Com, Honours and Masters in 16 faculties in the college.

Though honours and Masters courses are in operation in 14 faculties out of 16. Out of 83 sanctioned teachers posts in 16 faculties 26 posts remain vacant. Though there are sufficient accommodation arrangements for male students, there exists acute accommodation problems of the girl students. In the only Emdad Ali Girls Hostel of the College there reside 181 students overcrowding together in the seats of 84 students only.

The college established on nearly 22 acres of land and though most portion of the college campus lie vacant the Science building and Library building have not been built. No steps have yet been taken for the construction of residential quarters of the Principal, the Vice Principal and of the Hostel Superintendents.

It is alleged that for not having boundary walls of the college and not removing the 3 abandoned, worn out buildings from the place, the drug-addicts gather in the broken, workout buildings at

night and commit anti-social activities there.

Recently the teachers of government colleges to realise their demands have boycotted their

classes simultaneously with the running movement of the non-government school, college, madrasa teachers and employees.

The concerned guardians of all stages are in great worry about the present study situation of their wards and also about their future study life. As because learners from different upazilas got admission into this university college for better education and performances.

When contacted Principal AKM Shahidul Islam told this Correspondent that in the meantime the proper authorities have been informed of all the problems and development of the college but he denied the matter of the drug-addicts in the campus at night.

The principal further informed by this time some portion of the boundary wall has been completed and the rest portion will be completed soon. But he did not reply anything about the removal of the abandoned worn out 3 buildings, which create problems in the campus at night.