



Anandamohan College now passing thru' critical times

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Apr 19:—The Anandamohan College located at the district town is beset with manifold problems including shortage of teachers, inadequate accommodation, absence of sufficient classrooms and recreational facilities which have been hampering education of the students.

Established in 1908 on 15.75 acres of land the college was nationalised in 1964. But the educational facilities and requisite number of teachers have yet not been provided to run the college smoothly.

There are only 133 teachers now in the college against 169 sanctioned posts.

No step has been taken to fill up the vacancies.

The college is being run with Honours classes in 18 subjects but most of the departments of the college are being run with deficiency of teachers. A few of the existing teachers of the college have no knowledge on teaching in Honours classes. Some of the senior teachers do not attend the classes regularly as they allegedly reside in the capital city or are used to be busy in other works including private coaching. As a result many scheduled classes are sometimes suspended.

There are 9,191 male students and 5000 female students in the enrollment of the college. The college is unable to accommodate the increasing number of students due to shortage of space. The seat arrangement for the students in 40 classrooms of the college is not sufficient for want of requisite number of benches. Other furniture like tables, chairs and almirahs are also insufficient in the college. And due to inadequate number of

books in the library, the students can hardly prepare with studies these.

The extra curriculum activities like cultural function, debates and other literary competitions, meeting, seminars have also been hampering for lack of stage and sufficient furniture in the auditorium.

There are six hostels for 500 male students and one for 120 female students in the college. Majority of the students have to attend the college from distant places. During the rainy season and natural calamities the number of attending students becomes very poor. Inadequate water supply and absence of modern toilets have created difficulties to the hostel inmates.

Out of hostel buildings of the college Kabi Sukanta Bhattacharya Hostel, Abul Mansur Ahmed Hostel and Shilpacharya Joydul Abedin Hostel may collapse at any time as dangerous cracks have developed at many points of the roof and walls. The college authority informed the matter to the concerned authorities but no step has yet been taken to repair or reconstruct the hostels.

The teaching and administration staff of the college have been facing acute accommodation and residential problems. The only quarter for the Principal of the college has become unfit for use. The teaching and other staff are compelled to live in rented houses which eat up a substantial portion of their salaries.

The people of the district have urged the authorities concerned to do the needful for providing assistance for smooth running of the college.