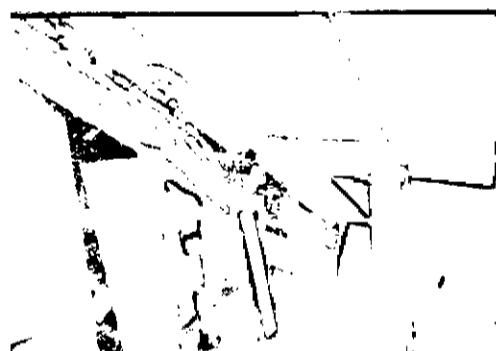


Submerged in floodwater -- a girls' high school in Chandanbaisha union of Sariakandi upazila, above, and a primary school at Vandabari union of Dhunat upazila, bottom left, in Bogra. The situation is worse for this educational institution, bottom right, in Sariakandi. A portion of the primary school has collapsed, failing to withstand the strong currents of the Bangalee River.

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Education hit by floods

Over 50 schools in Bogra inundated

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Thousands of students have been deprived of education since the ongoing flood hit three upazilas in Bogra over two weeks ago.

Over 50 primary schools in Sariakandi, Dhunat and Sonatola upazilas were inundated while over 57 other educational institutions, including a few colleges, were affected, said locals and an education officer in the district.

In some cases, the authorities were taking classes on comparatively higher places, but that is hardly helping their cause as most of the students are failing to make it there due to floodwater.

Shima Khatun and Protima Rani of Ayesha Osman Girls' High School of Chandanbaisha in Sariakandi said their classes had been suspended for nearly 15 days now.

Guardians said the candidates of Primary terminal and junior school certificate examinations, to be held a few months later, were the worst sufferers. They fear about their results.

Hossain Ali, primary education officer in the district said, teachers of flood-hit schools in the upazilas were trying to make up the losses by taking alternative classes on higher locations.

Deputy Commissioner Ashraf Uddin echoed Hossain and added that floodwater had already started to recede yesterday.

He said they would provide all sort of support to the students in the future.