

NEWAGE**NEW CURRICULUM****No teacher's guide
in 30 months***No training to primary teachers***Mohiuddin Alamgir**

STUDENTS of primary and secondary schools across the country are not getting due class room lessons as the teachers have not been provided with the booklet on lesson planning and teaching method for disseminating the new curriculum.

The government says that in two and half years since

introduction of the new curriculum it found no time to print the booklet, it calls 'Teacher's Guide'.

While introducing the new curriculum the government pledged that Teacher Guide would be provided to 7.2 lakh teachers of primary and secondary schools so that they could 'plan the lessons' and get acquainted with the teaching method to

be followed in class room.

Teachers said that in the absence of the guide they were groping in darkness on the two vital issues related to class room teaching.

Students of primary schools are facing another problem as none of the about 4.82 lakh teachers have been provided Curriculum Dissemination Training, designed to acquaint them with

the changes brought in the new curriculum and why.

A majority of the secondary school teachers, however, received the curriculum dissemination training.

The National Curriculum and Textbook Board officials said due to fund constraints Curriculum Dissemination Training could not be provided.

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They said that the NCTB was not serious about printing the Teacher's Guide as it was busy for two years with the experimental version of the curriculum.

NCTB chairman Narayan Chandra Pal admitted that teachers of primary and secondary schools were taking class without the teacher's guide on the new curriculum.

He said that the NCTB would soon start printing the teacher's guide.

NCTB is preparing the

Curriculum Dissemination Training manual for the primary school teachers, said officials.

Experts said that teachers were virtually in the dark about the new curriculum.

The new curriculum introduced in January 2013, requires students from Class VI to Class X to take three new subjects —Bangladesh and Global Studies, Job and Life-Oriented Studies, and Information and Communications Technology.

And the students of Class

IX and X are required to take two new subjects —Career Studies and Finance and Banking for their SSC Exams.

Ethnic minority languages and culture is a new optional subject students of class VI to X and population and development studies, human resource development, human rights and gender studies and tourism and hospitality are optional subjects for students of class XI and XII.

The new curriculum

brought drastic changes in the contents of 75 textbooks.

Reproductive health, climate change, HIV/AIDS, autism and right to information are newly introduced topics.

It's unfortunate that teachers training has been a neglected area in Bangladesh, said BRAC University professor emeritus Manzoor Ahmed.

He said that the Teacher Guide should have been provided to all the teachers on the very first day.