

# 'Storm ravages primary school

## Children attend classes under open sky in Sundarganj, attendance decreasing

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Students of Bekatari Government Primary School in Sundarganj upazila are attending classes under the open sky as their schoolhouse was blown down in a storm on April 15.

The school authorities have not been able to repair the schoolhouse as yet, so they are holding classes under the open sky to avoid interruption in schooling.

The school was set up in 2009 with the help of local people and national-

ised in 2013 with 269 students. There are 38 students in infant class, 37 in Class I, 60 in Class II, 59 in Class III, 43 in Class IV and 32 in Class V.

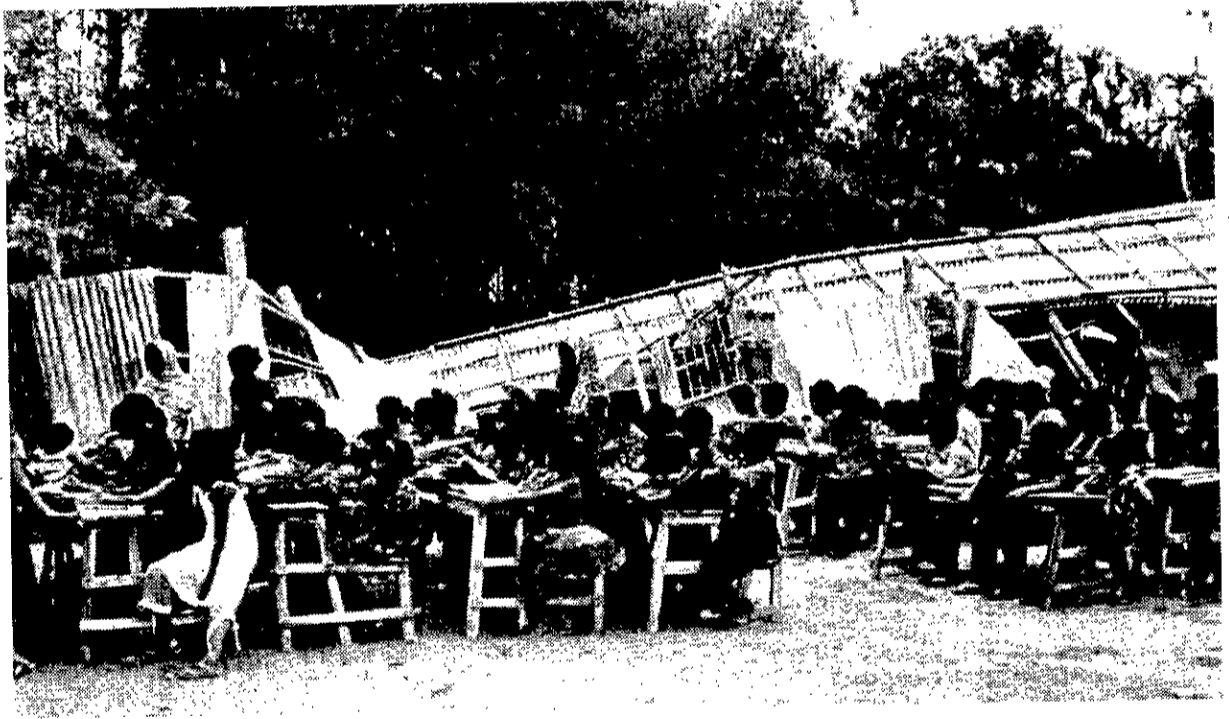
"We have to take shelter in nearby houses when it rains, so attendance of students is decreasing," said Pallabi Rani, a student of Class IV.

"The classrooms and toilets were shattered in the storm. The schoolhouse needs to be repaired for smooth education of the children," said Sheuli Khatun, headmaster of the school.

"Benches and educational equip-

ment were also damaged in the storm, as a result, the students cannot learn their lessons properly," said assistant teacher Mohosina Begum.

"We have informed the higher authorities about the situation and requested them to repair the schoolhouse immediately. However, a temporary shed will be erected on emergency basis so that the education of the children is not hampered," said Mozaffar Hossain, president of the school managing committee.



Students of Bekatari Government Primary School in Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha attend classes under the open sky beside the schoolhouse that lies mangled after being hit by a storm on April 15.

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