



3,741 govt pry schools sans tubewells

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SERAJGANJ, Dec 11: As many as 3,741 government primary schools in 16 northern districts are being deprived of pure drinking water supply for want of tubewell.

A survey conducted recently reveals that a total of 3,118 tubewells installed by the facilities Department of Education Ministry to provide drinking water to 3,741 primary schools have long been lying inoperative. As such at least seven lakh students of these government institutions are being deprived of pure drinking water. They have to take impure water from the neareby ponds or canals in apprehension of being attacked with diarrhoeal diseases. A large number of students have already been attacked with diarrhoeal diseases.

Most of these 3,118 tubewells were damaged during the recent flood, while many others were disordered due lack of maintenance.

The Public Health Engineering Department has been entrusted to look after the maintenance of these tubewells.

But no tubewell of government primary school has so far been repaired although two months have passed since the floods. The PHE department however attributed the non repairing to fund constraints.

Some upazila parishads have taken up programme to repair the damage tubewells with their limited funds.

GOVT COLLEGE CLOSSES SINE DIE

Ullapara government college was closed sine die recently following a clash between two rival group students.

The clash took place when the supporters of chhatra league (JSD-Rab) attacked a victory procession of Awami League backed student front supporters. The latter front bagged all seats in students union election held recently. At least 10 students were injured in the clash.

A group of unrully students also ransacked the residence of Pradip Kumar Saha, a teacher of the said college and clerk Kanailal.