

From our campus table

Primary Education far behind target?

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Primary Education, the backbone of our education system is suffering from major setbacks as it has failed to reach its target as set up by our education planners, educationists and others concerned with education.

Although education upto class V, the primary stage is free of cost and open for each and every citizen of the country. The Universal Free Primary Education scheme has failed to attract majority of the tiny tots of this age group because of

everything rustic around them. They are very easily dured by the pictures in their books which is very much urbanised and want to lead a similar life.

In many cases such children have been alienated from their original back grounds and have become fishes out of deep water.

Moreover in the rural areas the bulk of this minor population consists of girls who are least expected to go to school, on the contrary have to stay in the house observe the purdah and

schooling is in the form of home-work.

There are a number of reasons for this situation mainly the wide gap in teacher student ratio which now stands at 1:51.

A class usually at the minimum consists of 40 students and is of 40 minutes duration during which time the teacher has to take roll call correct the home task and impart new lessons.

On average a teacher cannot even devote a minute per child no matter how honest his inten-

drastically.

Unless this can be done the rural children will remain where they are—uneducated.

Will the concerned authorities give the issue of primary education a serious second thought if they want to achieve positive results? Can a nation like Bangladesh with innumerable problems afford a high rate of primary dropouts especially when primary education is free?



Will these children ever learn to read and write?

manifold reasons.

In the country according to statistics compiled by "Badilaya Kandrik Shikha Samity there are about 43,472 primary schools in the country, 36,668 of which are owned by the Govt, the remaining bulk is owned by people in the private sector.

In these educational institu-

help mother with other house base chouse chones.

Coupled with this is the fact that our education system, a legacy of the colonial rulers is least appropriate for the local populace.

Our PTIs Bed and other courses where teachers are gooned are based on foreign models being far removed from the real situation.

Hence such teachers plus a foreign based sylubus can hardly attract the rural children who are not acquainted with chairs or tables whose be end and are end of life is a square meal every day something to cover his indences no matter how course it is and a place to relex at night.

Moreover having no one to help with ones education is a big blow for majority of our children as education as it is practised now is very much home based" where the main

tions are.

In such a short span of time he can be least expected to make a topic clear to his students and hence they are forced to take help at hoem.

As said earlier, these children care for illiterate families the children have no help of any kind at home and hence they feel discouraged and join the quene of dropouts.

It is time that concerned authorities should think of making education at the primary level 'school based' if they want to cut down the number of dropout and reach some tangible result.

If everything is taught at school with no provision of home work the rural children will feel motivated to seek education. This will only be possible increasing the number of schools and teachers especially the la-

He said that the youths of the country had come to the fore-front unitedly at the critical moments in the past saking it path for solution of problem faced by the people and added at the national level, he added any noble instance, great persnality or inspiring activities guide the students today. the heritage for truth and justice could show them the path move ahead. Landung the propo of Greater Barisal, the so called "Kalyan Samity" are and meritorious stru- tions stipends he said that