

Barguna's Tiakhali College: Teachers, staffers without salary for 2 decades



The four-storey academic building of Tiakhali College in Barguna's Amtali upazila. Photo: Star

Even after 24 years of its establishment, Tiakhali College in Barguna's Amtali upazila has not been included under the government's nationalisation scheme due to unknown reason.

As a result, 38 teachers and staffers, who did not opt for any other jobs, have been deprived of their monthly salaries for over two decades now.



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While talking, a number of teachers of the college alleged that despite good academic results in public exams, Tiakhali College has not been enlisted under MPO (Monthly Pay Order) system only because of political revenge since the founding principal of the college was a BNP leader.

During a visit to Tiakhali College this correspondent found almost all the teachers and staffers of the college living a subhuman life as they are not getting their salaries since the establishment of the institution.

Moreover, in order to run their families most of them have sold their properties and other valuable belongings and become destitute.

Local educationist Mohammad Delwar Hossain built Tiakhali College on about 2.25 acres of land in 2000. In 2001, the college received recognition from the education board to run its academic activities.

The average pass rate was nearly 72 percent since 2002 till this year, while the institution had a 100 percent pass record in 2019.

Currently, the college has a total of 322 students, but despite implementing all the directives of the ministry concerned the college was not included under the government's MPO scheme due to unknown reasons, teachers and staffers said.

Although, hundreds of non-government educational institutions were nationalised in the last 15 years, Tiakhali College has been deprived of getting the government facilities even after making such good results, they alleged.

However, a four-storey academic building was constructed at the college premises in 2017, but till then its founding principal had already retired.

Boni Amin, an 11th grader, said the number of students will surely increase if the college is nationalised as the quality of education is quite good here.

Shahanur Fakir, a peon at the college, said he cannot run his family anymore due to non-payment of the salary.

Sometimes, he and his family members pass their days half-starved as he does not have any alternative.

Mosharof Hossain, a lecturer, said, "I have given all my valuable times in this college and now it is very difficult to return home empty handed."

Retired Principal Delwar Hossain said they established the college in 2001, but failed to enlist it under the government's MPO scheme due to political reason.

"Till now all the teachers and students of the college have been deprived of their rights, but I hope the present government will bring the college under nationalisation scheme soon," Delwar said.