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Shortage of teachers in Pabna Edward College

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PABNA, July 4: A total of 40 posts of teachers of different subjects and the post of principal in the century old Pabna Edward College have been lying vacant for a long time, hampering both academic and administrative activities of the educational institution.

The post of the principal, however, fell vacant only five months back when former principal Muhammad Abdur Rouf went on LPR (leave preparatory retirement).

A senior professor of the Department of Mathematics has been made Acting Principal of the college.

Professor Sheikh Kutubuddin, Acting Principal, referring to the problem of scarcity of teachers said, the college authority has to make extra arrangement for admission of students every year beyond the seat capacity following pressures from students organisations, deteriorating the crisis of shortage of teachers.

In fact, the admission tests for the honours courses have become meaningless because of the interference in the admis-

sion procedure by students organisations, he added.

The university college at present runs honours courses in 12 subjects but shortage of teachers is affecting the academic activities severely.

The reputed educational institution, which achieved enviable success in the then undivided Bengal, introduced master's course a year back, deteriorating the crisis of shortage of teachers as their numbers were not increased.

The numbers sanctioned posts of teachers for the college are 146, college sources said.

Moreover, honours courses in two more subjects were introduced about three months ago but additional posts of teachers were not created.

The 12 honours courses in the college are Bengali, English, Economics, Political Science, History, Philosophy, Accountancy, Management, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Botany.

Two out of seven posts of lectures have been lying vacant in the Department of Bengali, five out of 12 posts have been lying vacant in the Department of

English and three out of 12 posts have been lying vacant in the Department of Economics.

The Department of Political Science has the deficit of six out of 12 posts, the Department of History three out of nine posts, the Department of Philosophy one out of seven posts, the Department of Accountancy four out of 12 posts, the Department of Management one out of 12 posts, the Department of Physics four out of 12 posts, the Department of Chemistry one out of 12 posts, the Department of Mathematics one out of 12 and the Department of Botany three out of 12.

In the other departments, which have not introduced honours courses, also face shortage of teachers. In the Department of Islamic History, two out of four posts have been lying vacant and in the Department of Zoology one out of four posts has been lying vacant.

Moreover, the posts of Librarian and physical instructor in the college have also been lying vacant for a long time.