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## Scholarship coaching starts at Manikganj

— Hasan Jahid —

Like several others Shima Rani Mandal, a meritorious student of Class V of Kunduria Government Primary School in Ghior Upazila, is getting her lesson for the upcoming primary schoolership examination, under a mango tree at their flood-damaged school premises.

The structure of the school as I saw was completely damaged by the recent flood and the authority is holding the classes under the mango tree. When visited the school the Acting Headmaster of the institution, Mr Indra Mahan Sarker said that the school was established in 1926 and since then no development was done. He further said that several students of this school were secured scholarships every year.

"We have get eight meritorious students in class V and we started preparing them for the coming examination under the mango tree since our school is completely damaged by the recent flood."

The district administration sources said that 326 educational institutions in the district have been damaged by the flood. Of them over one hundred were completely damaged. A total of taka one crore and fourteen lakh would be required for the reconstruction and repairing of the damaged educational institutions.

Meanwhile, the school student Shima Rani Mandal said that their house is also damaged by flood but she urged the authority for immediate reconstruction of the damaged school as according to her the interest of more people are involved with the institution.

When asked it was gathered that over one lakh students of the flood damaged schools are passing their days idly since their educational institutions were damaged and it was impossible for them to attend classes in the institutions, the district education authority source said.