

Shortage of teachers hits academic pursuit of govt college

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NARAIL, Jan 4: The academic pursuit in Narail Victoria Government College is being hampered to a great extent due to shortage of teachers.

A total of 28 posts of teachers out of 56 sanctioned posts have been lying vacant for long. The vacant posts comprise, four demonstrators, one librarian and the rest are of English, Bengal, General History, Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, Accountancy, Management, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany departments.

The post of a full professor was sanctioned for the college. But none has so far been appointed to the post.

About 1900 students have been studying in this college, whereas there are only 10 class rooms. At least 20 more class rooms are required to accommodate the students.

There is no examination hall in the college. As such, classes are to be suspended during H.S.C. and Degree

examinations. On an average, some months are wasted due to this reason. Besides there is acute shortage of necessary furniture including chairs benches and tables.

It may be mentioned that the construction of the library building by the Facility Department has been remaining incomplete for the last 10 months due to lack of initiatives of the authority concerned.

The Science Laboratory as well as gallery building of the college is now on the verge of ruination due to lack of repair for long. The building which was constructed 150 years ago is not suitable for holding practical classes of the students because of its present dismal condition. Big cracks have developed in the roof and walls of the building and water during showers of rains trickle through the leakage of the cracks causing damage to valuable science apparatus.

A large number of students both boys and girls have been suffering for want of residential accommodation in the college as there are only three hostel buildings having 100 seats in total. An abandoned house is being used as a hostel. But it lacks even the minimum amenities.

The college has no residential quarters for the teachers and vice-principal. There are four staff quarters of which three are unfit for habitation.