

Student politics vitiates academic atmosphere

Acute shortage of teachers in Kushtia Govt College

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, July 21:—Kushtia Govt. College is now beset with manifold problems. The problems included lack of administrative and academic disciplines.

Acute shortage of teachers, particularly senior teachers, has been prevailing in the college for the past two years. The college authority has introduced seven Honours and five departments for Masters degree. Honours said Masters courses will also be introduced in other departments. But the govt. did not sanction the required number of posts. Out of 103 sanctioned posts, 40 post are lying vacant.

The number of sanctioned posts for professors is five but there is only one professor of Accounting Department. He was made professor in-charge of the college as the Principal of the college went on leave preparatory to retirement recently. The Vice-Principal of the college has been made Principal of another college.

Five departments having Masters and Honours courses which are Bengali, Political Science, Economics, Accounting and Mathematics are running without of professors. The other departments like English, Physics, Chemistry and Management

have recently introduced Masters and Honours courses but the govt. did not sanction posts of teachers as per requirement of the college.

Kushtia College has both Higher Secondary and Degree Courses in Arts, Science and Commerce. It is difficult on the part of the teachers to manage classes in HSC, Degree, Honours and Masters courses. In many departments there are either one or two teachers.

Out of the 24 sanctioned posts of associate professors only nine are working. Out of 31 posts of assistant professor only 18 are now working. The posts of five lecturers are lying vacant. At present there are no principal and vice-principal in the college. The post of Vice-Principal has been lying vacant for months together as he left the college on promotion.

The acute shortage of teachers has seriously affected education of the students.

The student politics have crippled the academic atmosphere in the college. The college has been declared closed sine die several times due to campus violences.

The former principal who went on LPR in June this year did not attend his office for at least four months out

of fear created by a section of students. He did not live in his official residence since he took over. The college administration is seriously affected.

During examinations a section of students threatened the invigilators. In the recent post one teacher was assaulted by a group of unruly examinees. The teachers are afraid of giving invigilation in the hall for fear of assault by the examinees. The invigilators from the National University hardly visit any examination hall.

The college authority feels that the govt. should take immediate measures for the improvement of the college atmosphere and appoint a full-fledged Principal, Vice-Principal, Senior Professors and required number of teachers.