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## Pry schools in bad shape in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, Mar 27; The primary schools in the district are facing manifold problems seriously hampering the education of the students, reports UNB.

Officials said most of the schools lack adequate number

of teachers and other infrastructural facilities including play ground, tube-well and lavatory.

Some eight out of the total 219 government primary schools remained closed since 1980 due to lack of teachers.

they said. These schools are located in remote thanas of Ruma and Thanchhi.

A total of 121 schools are being run by only one or two teachers, the officials told. They feared that these institutions might be closed at any time.

They said the total number of approved posts of primary school teachers in the district is 565 out of which 95 posts were lying vacant.

Some 71 schools are running without any headmaster for long, they added.

The posts of Thana Education Officers in Rwangchhari. Ali Kadam and Maikhyangchhari thanas and six posts of Assistant Thana Education Officers also remain vacant.

Students of about 125 schools are suffering as there are no lavatory in their schools. These schools also lack tube-wells for pure water and play ground for the students.

The District Education Officer said the students are being deprived of their education due to lack of these facilities in the schools.

He said a good number of school-age children can not be enrolled as there is no enough school to accommodate them.

He said lack of necessary facilities in the existing schools is another hindrance for implementing the compulsory primary education programme in the district.