

Public library in grip of problems

BARGUNA, Mar 19: The government public library in the district is beset with manifold problems for a long time, reports UNB.

The purpose of setting this library here was to flourish the cultural and literary values of local readers. But at present it has been running with a poor collection of books and journals for the last few years.

Many important and valuable books of the library are found missing as the borrowers, including the government officials, do not return the books in time.

The library lacks collection of vital national and international periodicals, journals and magazines. Only one or two ordinary journals are occasionally found in the library. No step has yet been taken to preserve the old dailies and weeklies.

In the past, the library had a tradition of performing various literary activities on important national occasions such as 21st February, Victory Day,

Independence Day and Pahela Baishakh. But for last several years the management of the library failed to observe any such programmes.

At present the library lacks a librarian and a catalogue keeper. Only two bearers are running the library.

The library has no office building of its own and it has been functioning in various rented houses since its installation.