

Teachers of other subjects teaching English in schools

NETRAKONA, Feb 19: Secondary education in all the 10 thanas of the district is being hampered seriously for want of experienced English teachers for quite a long time, reports UNB.

About 100 secondary educational institutions in different parts of the district have been facing shortage of English teachers causing untold sufferings to the students.

Finding no other alternative, the school authorities engaged teachers of other subjects to teach English.

Local guardians alleged that most of the teachers who teach English in the classrooms have no command on the subject. As a result the students are facing a lot of problems in learning correct English.

They urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take necessary steps

in this regard so that the students can read and write correct English.

TREE-FELLING

Another message adds: Trees in different parts of the district are on the verge of extinction due to rampant cutting and use in the brickfields as fuel for quite a long time, reports UNB.

Besides, planting of trees in private and public sectors is quite inadequate to cope with the diminishing of the trees causing ecological imbalance in some parts of the district.

Finding acute scarcity of firewood in the district, the brickfield owners have arranged to buy trees from greater Mymensingh district defying government ban.

While talking to UNB some brickfield owners said although the price of wood has gone up in comparison with the previous years yet the wood burnt bricks are less costly. They mentioned that the cost of coal burnt bricks is high and buyers are not ready to pay high price where they get same

quality wood burnt bricks at comparatively lower prices.

The high cost of firewood has caused immense difficulties for the common people who use wood as their only means of fuel in cooking purposes.

Local administration has not yet taken any action against the use of firewood in the brickfields.

SKIN DISEASES

Another report adds: Skin diseases have broken out in an alarming proportion in different parts of the district.

Different types of skin diseases which broke out a few months back are spreading rapidly throughout the district.

Children of the poor families are the worst sufferers as their guardians cannot afford to buy necessary medicines for them.

District Health Department has not yet taken any preventive measure to combat the growing menace, local people alleged.

It is also alleged that necessary medicines are not available at the thana health complexes and Netrakona Modernised Hospital. Consequently, poor people are facing problems as they cannot afford to go to the private practitioners due to shortage of money.

Local people urged the authorities to take proper steps to mitigate the sufferings of the affected people on emergency basis.