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1.08 lakh children deprived of primary edn in Noakhali

MAIJDEE COURT, (Noakhali), Nov 20: About 1.08 lakh children are deprived of primary education in six thanas of Noakhali district, a survey report said reports UNB.

According to Education Department, at present, the number of school going children are 3,65,278 in these thanas of the district. Of them, 51,680 children of six to 10 years of age are not going to school, and the percentage of which is 12 per cent.

On the other hand, the survey conducted by a local NGO said, about 1,08,000 children are not going to school which constitute 25 per cent of the total children.

The number has been increasing as most of the guardians in the rural areas show little interest to send their children to schools due to poverty and unemployment.

The guardians are forced to send their children to work in hotel, restuarants and motor

garages for earning their bread, the report added.

AMAN TARGET

Another message: The production target of aman paddy is likely to fall short in six thanas of the district due to lack of sufficient rainfall.

Official source said, the target fixed at four lakh metric tons would be achieved by less than 50,000 tons due to scanty rainfall and other natural calamities.

A Total of 3.53 lakh acres of land have been brought under aman production in the district during the season, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Sadar and Companiganj Thanas which have highest record of aman production, have already started harvesting and the per acre yield is less than the previous years, the farmers said.