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30,000 children in Narail denied primary education

NARAIL, April 7 (UNB) : Over 30,000 children of the district are deprived of primary education due to shortage of school and necessary educational materials and poverty of guardians.

A recent survey by district education office showed that as many as 29,989 prospective students were not going to schools. Among them, a good number failed to enroll themselves due to economic hardship of their guardians, the survey indicated.

There are 267 government and 61 non-government primary schools in the district but many of these lack necessary facilities and congenial academic atmosphere.

A total of 108 primary schools were damaged during cyclonic storms and devastating floods during the last few years. A large number of students were forced to drop their studies as these schools are yet to be repaired.

BLINDNESS

Hundreds of babies of the district are going blind due to mothers' reluctance to breast feeding.

Sources said, about 200 infants have already lost their eye-sight due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency which can be fulfilled from mothers' milk over the last few months.

A recent survey revealed that infant mortality rate had increased alarmingly as mothers denied breast feeding to their children.

About 45 percent of the total babies have been suffering from night blindness, malnutrition, skin and other gastrointestinal diseases, the survey added.

Many a mothers feared that breast feeding might jeopardise their beauty, the study further said.

Doctors sources said mothers of both the rural and urban areas prefer breast feeding to skimmed milk for their children.