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Pry schools facing student shortage in remote areas

KUSHTIA, Mar 18: The number of primary school children is decreasing in remote areas of the district due to abject poverty, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, a large number of children of the remote areas aged between 8 and 12 years are engaged in different petty jobs instead of going to school to maintain their livelihood.

The poverty stricken farmers are also preferring to engage their children in income generating works like cattle grazing, rickshaw pulling and as hooli boys.

Most of the marginal and landless farmers in the district have four or more children and are suffering from financial stringency.

As a result, they can not afford educational expenses of their children. Finding no other alternative, they are forced to encourage their children to take up any odd job.

During the harvesting season, a large number of farm labourers along with their children migrate to distant place in search of work.

consequently, the primary schools in the remote areas have been suffering badly due to shortage of students and this problem is intensifying day by day.

Local elite said due to lack of motivation by the concerned officials among the people of the government facilities extended to the poor students to prosecute their studies, the ignorant guardians are forced to encourage petty jobs for their children.