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TLM programme to eradicate illiteracy at Gazipur concludes

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Oct 29:—The six-month long Total Literacy Movement (TLM) programme under the auspices of 'Arunazzal Gazipur', concluded on October 23 in Sreepur thana of the district through an evaluation examination. Under the programme 81,892 illiterate people were targeted in Sreepur thana for imparting education through a total of 2233 centres. But the programme ended only with 40 per cent people out of the target fixed earlier by the implementation committee.

The Total Literacy Movement (TLM) programme has become unsuccessful in the thana due to lack of proper motivation, supervision and negligence of duties of the teachers appointed by the authority concerned for imparting education to the illiterate people. During my visit to some centres I found only signboards with no people enrolled in the programme. At the end of the programme evaluation examination was held in each centre where only 40 per cent people including women under the age group of 11 to 45 years appeared. But it was an examination of proxy with school and college students writing the answer scripts, it is alleged.

On the day of evaluation ex-

amination, Rahmat Ali MP, Shamsul Haque, Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur, Advocate A.K.M. Mozammel Haque, Chairman of Gazipur Paurashava, high officials of concerned Ministry and Mass Education Directorate visited the centres and expressed their satisfaction. But the local people expressed grave concern over the little success of the TLM programme in the thana. It is alleged that a huge amount of money was misappropriated by showing false vouchers, conveyance bills, supervising expenses and purchase of equipment for the programme.

Sports, game facilities for youths demanded

The sports facilities in all the educational institutions and clubs of the district are quite inadequate. Different kinds of games were used to be played with great enthusiasm throughout the district and the people at large especially the student community used to take part in each game a few years back.

Local games like Kabadi, swimming, rowing and other games like football, volley ball, badminton were very popular but during the recent years facilities

for different games and sports have become meagre due to lack of fund, absence of initiatives and the indifference of the local administration.

The District Sports Association, which looks after the development and promotion of the sports in the area has failed to gear up their activities with the expected initiative.

The committee also cannot provide with funds and requisite sports materials to the educational institutions and sports clubs. Some organisers observed that the young boys were found busy with various games which helped them to keep their body and mind fit for studies. But nowadays these young chaps are found involved in anti-social activities.

The guardians urged the authorities concerned to take steps to increase sports facilities for young generation to keep them fit for studies and to keep them aloof from anti-social activities.

Widow gang-raped

A widow named Monowara Begum (35) was raped on last Sunday at village Karihata under Kapasia thana.

According to the victim's statement one Moslem Uddin of same village kidnapped her on gun-point along with some of his companions and gang-raped her for whole night.

Doctors of Gazipur Sadar Hospital examined her on last Tuesday. The accused Moslem is absconding.