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90 pc learners fail to write correctly

Functional method by coaching centres disrupts Eng-teaching

From Our Correspondent

NARAIL, May 26:-The standard of English teaching in 80 per cent of private and government schools and colleges of Narail districts has gone so down that 90 per cent of the students fail to write correct English. The condition of those who are studying in Madrashas is pitiable. Lack of adequate knowledge rather superficial knowledge in English ultimately creates frustration among the students when they prove them worthless in the field of jobs.

There is a serious crisis of English teachers in schools, colleges and madrashas of the district. The teachers of schools often fail to lead the student properly. Most of the teachers who claim to be English teachers in schools, colleges and madrashas are found have no preliminary knowledge of the grammatical rules of English, so how can they dare to teach the students basically in English. Most of the age-old teachers and examiners of English blame the National Education Board for introducing the communicative method of teaching English instead of compulsory Curriculum of English grammar in primary to Secondary schools.

Now a days, a very few teachers can claim to be English teachers knowing to use words according to the rules of parts of speech classification of sentences, difference between Participle and Gerund, Gerund and Verbal Noun, Infinitive, difference between phrases and clauses and classification, analysis and parsing of sentences, group verbs, pair of words, appropriate preposition, syntax, synthesis, stock of words, synonyms, antonyms, general pronunciation, vowels and consonant, tenses and stock of words and so on.

As a result, the learners from Primary to University level can not be free from fright of English. Consequently, having no other alternative the students fall way victims of frightening and English teachers seem to be amulets and such a band of teachers become very much interested in coaching of students using irrelevant talk to gather the learners on commercial basis three days a week and they have to spend at least Taka 2000 to Taka 3000 for a course of 15 days.

The helpless guardians are in

fact compelled to send their wards to the coaching centres while the students can not have proper knowledge of English as communicative method is followed there leaving aside the Fundamentals of grammar.

Some educated guardians and teachers opine that every language must be taught methodically so that the learners can easily realize and take down anything correctly. English is an international language. English should strictly be taught to the learners methodically as higher education is completely based on English.

Lack of better knowledge in English everyday would be obstructed to reach the doorsteps of higher studies and achievements of modern age of science and technology including Medical Science.

On the other hand, poor guardians of the students can hardly think of maintaining private tutors for the subjects.

According to existing rules, each Senior Madrasha requires a lecturer in English an Intermediate college requires two lecturers and a Degree College requires

three or more lecturers.

But these institutions hardly follow the existing rules due to various reasons. Non-availability of English teachers with requisite qualification is the first reason. To be a lecturer in any of these institutions one must have at least second Class in both Honours and Master Examinations.

Besides most of the schools, colleges and madrashas can not afford to employ lecturers in English with sound knowledge due to financial constraint. In most cases the Senior Madrasha can appoint even part time teachers in English.

Meanwhile Md. Forhaduddin, Deputy Commissioner, Narail has set up a rare example in the role of administrative activities, particularly in academic sides.

He has continue to pay a surprising visit to the educational institutions from Primary to college of the district without informing the district and thana level officers concerned during his tour.

He is found serious to regulate the teaching staff for maintaining discipline and punctuality and teaching to the learners in connection with the grammatical rules as well as the syllabus. Thus the Deputy Commissioner who is personally interested in education and cultural activities is often heard practising Rabindra Sangeet and Nazrul Geeti in melodious voice in a family way is very conscious to remove dullness, and apathy in learning English and he has taken up a comprehensive plan to make regular subscribers of the National English Dailies like Bangladesh Observer, Daily Star and so on along with Bangla news papers to all the ranking officers as well as the Secondary schools and the colleges of the town areas.

He stressed the need for going through the English Dailies and discussing importance of learning English among the learners who would be able to find out each of the knowledgeable doorstep of the world. Such a role to avoid paucity of cultivating English among their kids as the Deputy Commissioner has broadly taken up has been congratulated by the guardians.



NARAIL: From left-Rajin, Sumi, Khushali, Rasbni and Hasli College ging girls of Intermediate classes are found learning English grammar at Narail Press Club at Narail Press Club from Newsman Bhakta Sarkar. —OBSERVER