

Smuggling along northern border increases

Dinajpur pry schools lack drinking water facility

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Nov. 25:— Scarcity of pure water is prevailing in many schools of the district.

Tubewells sunk in the compound of primary schools remained out of order for months together, teachers and guardians alleged.

Most of the schools in the district lack water supply facilities. Students and teachers are compelled to drink impure water from nearby rivers, canals or ponds.

As a result, school children are suffering from skin and intestinal diseases. Sanitation facilities are also lacking in most of the institutions.

Mosquito menace

Dinajpur pourashav and its adjoining areas have become miserable due to mosquito menace which is increasing day by day causing health hazards. Mosquito bite even day time and the normal work in different offices, schools, colleges, hospitals and markets is being hampered. It is quite impossible to sit in an open place after sunset.

The students are the worst sufferers. The poor who have no means to purchase mosquito nets pass sleepless nights.

Spraying of DDT has become a matter of dream to the dwellers of the town. The ponds, beels, canals, full of water hyacinths, unclean drains, service latrines, bushes and jungles, water-logging around the tubewell, and silted up drains and the breeding place of mosquitoes.

Drug addiction

The sale of rectified spirit, Indian phensidly and other drugs has become rampant in different hats and bazars of Dinajpur district.

Licences for rectified spirit are issued to the homoeopathic practitioners and homeo medicine manufacturers. It is alleged that the licence holders are selling spirits to liquor shops and to the youths.

The people urged upon the govt. to take steps immediately against the illegal sale of rectified spirit and such medicines to check drug addiction among the youths.

Smuggling on increase

Smuggled goods were being sold openly in the markets of Dinajpur. consumers alleged that despite government restrictions on the banned items enter the different markets here from the main transit points in Hill Hakimpur.

It is alleged that though strict patrol being imposed in the area, contrabands are being brought to Bangladesh from across the border

daily through rail and road.

The main smuggling goods are sugar, sarees, fertilizer, pesticide, liquor, cosmetics, razor blades and spare parts.

On the other hand electrical goods, gold and cloth are being smuggled out of the country.

People of the area said that the trend of smuggling has increased recently due to local demands and low price in comparison to country made goods.

Bombs hurled meeting

At least 4 activists of Chhatra League (M-I) were seriously injured in a bomb blast at a meeting here on November-9.

The injured Mintu (18), Munna (28) and Mohammed Ali (19) were rushed to the general hospital. The activists of Chhatra League were

holding Ward Council meeting at Chata-Gurgola in the town.

Some miscreants, two of them identified as Jobayer and Zulfiker Hossain, hurled at least 20 crackers on the meeting and fired two rounds of blank shots at about 7.45 p.m.

A meeting was held in the town to protest the attack. It was addressed by district Awami League President Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, President and Secretary of the district unit of Chhatra League Rafiqul Islam and Zahirul Alam Dulal respectively.

President of the Chhatra Moitry of the district unit Aminul Haque and Secretary Abdur Rashid also spoke in the meeting.

The speakers at the meeting condemned the attack on the Chhatra League Ward Council meeting and demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for the attack.



DINAJPUR : The little artists taking part in an art competition held under the auspices of Cultural Organisation - Noborupi at Dinajpur town recently. —OBSERVER

New DG of Pry Education directorate

Dr. Mobarak Ali Akhand has been appointed the Director General of the Directorate of Primary Education under the Primary and Mass Education Division, according to an official announcement, reports BSS.

Earlier, Dr. Akhand, a BCS (Education) cadre officer, was the Director of National Museum of Science and Technology.