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More farmers, weavers becoming debtors in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 2: The number of debt-ridden persons are increasing everyday in 13 thanas of Kishoreganj district.

There are nearly 12,00,000 debt-ridden persons and the number is still increasing.

About 90 per cent of the debtors are farmers and the rest 10 per cent are weavers and small traders. All of them are now struggling for survival.

Debt took a serious turn in 1984 due to natural calamities especially the devastating floods which hit during the last few years.

The farmers have also become debtors due to the sky high prices of agricultural inputs, other daily essentials, natural calamities and dowry system in the rural villages.

The farmers have mortgaged their agricultural land to local wealthy persons and to the commercial banks to receive loan to meet their various expenses including daughters' marriages.

Many of them have sold their crop land and dwelling

Notes From Kushtia

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KUSHTIA, Aug 3: All haats and bazars of Kushtia district are now in a deplorable condition causing inconvenience to the sellers and buyers.

The shop-keepers and traders pay enhanced tax to the government and local jiaradars without any return.

The haats and bazars have not been expanded although the population has increased manifold. The shop-keepers and vendors occupy most of the space hampering movement of buyers and sellers.

In the absence of drainage system, the haats and bazars of the district go under knee deep water following downpour.

The revenue is collected from the haats and bazars but no measures have been taken to improve the conditions of the markets.

Most of the haats and bazars have no sheds for the buyers and sellers to protect from scorching heat of the sun and shower during monsoon.

Absence of tubewells in some haats and bazars increased sufferings of the people.

Filths and garbages are piled up hither and thither creating bad odour which threatens public health.

Mosquito menace

Public life in Kushtia city and the adjoining areas has been made miserable due to mosquito menace which has assumed an alarming proportion for the last few weeks.

The mosquito menace has paralysed the life in the city. The school and college students are the worst sufferers. The students cannot prepare their lessons regularly. The poor people who have no means to purchase mosquito net are also the worst sufferers.

The mosquito attack begins not only after sunset but also in day time causing hindrance to the normal work in offices, business establishment, schools and colleges.

Stagnant filthy waters in both kutchha and pucca drains, marshy places, kutchha and service latrines, water-logging around the tubewells heaps of garbages and jungles beside the roads and water hyacinths in the city are the ideal place for mosquito breeding.

Silted drains with stagnant water in the city are not renovated causing untold sufferings to the city dwellers.

Rival groups clash, goods worth Tk 2 lakh looted

MAGURA, Aug 3: At least seven houses were ransacked and goods worth about Tk two lakh looted by arrival group on July 29 at village Kazali in Sreepur thana of the district, reports UNB.

According to police, following past enmity the supporters of Golam Sarwar of the village suddenly attacked the houses of rival group leader Abdul Mannan and his men Hashem Mollah, Sidiqullah Mollah, Abdul Haye, Salam Biswas, Belayet Ali, and Sabed Ali with lethal weapons.

The enmity was prevailing for a long time over village politics. The attackers damaged the household articles and looted cash and valuables worth about Tk two lakh.

A case has been lodged with the police and tension is prevailing in the village.

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Meanwhile, many dwellers of the town are suffering from different diseases like asthma and diarrhoea due to pollution of the environment, medical sources said.

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Meanwhile, prices of bamboo have shot up beyond the purchasing capacity of poor people. A medium size bamboo is now being sold between Tk 70 and 80, the sources added.

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