

## National

Late arrival of pesticides, delay in test results

**Narayanganj Pourashava fails to implement mosquito control programme**

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NARAYANGANJ, Jan 22: Mosquito menace has taken a serious turn in the district affecting more than six lakh inhabitants of the main town.

It is alleged that almost all the main drainage pipelines of the town area have remained blocked for a long period giving rise to accumulation of dirty stagnant waste in open drains in the city road sides. Such stagnation of waste obviously encourage mosquito breeding and it has also proved to be an ideal environment for hatching of mosquito eggs.

Other ponds, ditches and similar water bodies in the town areas are also said to be in similar condition which are often considered as garbage house by local inhabitants. However, most of these water bodies are occupied by water hyacinths which are also considered to be a favourite home of mosquitoes.

Altogether, mosquito menace has increased raising the pains of the victims.

To destroy or kill the mosquitoes, dry season of the year is the best time, specially from November to February, according to experts.

Taka one lakh had been allocated for Narayanganj Pourashava to eradicate mosquito during the last fiscal