



FIRE ADDS TO THEIR MISERIES

SUMMER is not the time of juicy fruits for slum dwellers but of endless sufferings caused by fire. Fire incidents in slums are commonplace during the season. Newspapers publish pictures of gutted slums quite often, depicting people's sufferings. According to media reports, at least 10 slums were burnt this year.

The ill-fated men and women in slums sometimes manage to escape from the death trap, but children get trapped inside most of the time. Firefighters cannot rush to the spot with their vehicles in time because of labyrinthine alleys and unplanned streets. By the time they reach there, most shanties are reduced to ashes.

Still, life goes on. Next morning they come back to their normal life, rising like a phoenix from ashes.

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