



(bridge)'. Dredging, moreover, is badly required to increase its depth. Every year, *char* levels emerge and poor homeless people build squatters there to live. Biodiversity of the river has already been obliterated due to the construction of the bridge and embankment. All old local trees have been felled and in their place exotic species like *Shishu* and *Acacia* have been planted. Nowadays it is incredibly unusual to find dolphins and catch 20 kg big Rui, Katla, Pangas fishes, a common phenomenon in early days. A large number of homeless people also live near the embankment. This embankment has been constructed for protecting the city from hazardous river erosion. The city is almost secluded, as the river routes have been distorted leading to river erosion in the village. The ultimate question is: are these constructions improving or destroying the lives of people. ■