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Literacy rate increases to 51 pc

The country's literacy rate has increased to 51 per cent from 47 per cent during the tenure of the present government, reports BSS.

This was revealed in a survey conducted by the compulsory primary education implementation monitoring unit across the country. The survey report said the gross rate of child enrollment in school in 1997 is 93.19 per cent while the percentage of net admission was 86.34 per cent. The percentage of admission of girls during the year was 84 per cent.

The survey released on Thursday

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said that the gross rate of admission in 1995 was 89.18 which increased to 93.19 per cent in 1997 registering a net increase of 4 per cent.

The net highest admission rate of 99.69 was registered in Kaukhali under Pirojpur district of Barisal Division while the highest gross enrollment rate of 168.90 was reported from Rajasthali thana under Rangamati district of Chittagong Division.

The lowest rate of net admission was registered in Gobindaganj thana of Gaibandha district under Rajshahi Division while the lowest gross rate of admission of 46.05 per cent also came from the same thana.

According to the survey report the rate of the literacy among the people above 15 years is 51.01 per cent which was 47.30 per cent in the year 1995.

The survey report was finalised through computerisation of data received from 481 thanas and 64 district education offices. The process was verified and scrutinised by the computer experts of the country before final reports were made.