

## Sadek stresses concerted efforts to eradicate illiteracy

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Education Minister ASHK Sadek called upon all irrespective of party affiliation to come forward for the successful implementation of all kinds of formal and non-formal education programme in the country.

Addressing the inaugural function of adult education week at LGED auditorium at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar as chief guest ASHK Sadek said massive implementation of education programme was not possible without participation of all.

Khondokar Shahidul Islamic DG Directorate of Non-formal Education (DNFE) presided over the inaugural function and it was addressed among others by Shatish Chandra Roy, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education, Dr. Sadath Hossain, Secretary Primary and Mass Education Division (PMED) and NGO representatives Kazi Azhar Ali and Rasheda K. Chowdhury.

He said Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina in her election pledge stressed to increase literacy rate in the country and she has fulfilled her commitment by allocating Taka 700 crore in the adult education programme.

Education Minister said Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina in her election pledge also committed to remove illiteracy from the country by the year 2006. ASHK Sadek hoped and said by grace of almighty Allah the curse of illiteracy will be removed by the year 2002.

Education Minister said literacy programme was launched in 1996. In that time literacy rate was 47% and now it is around 58%. He said by only three year's efforts literacy rate increased to 11%. He hoped by another one year country's literacy rate will increase another 15% to 20%.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Satish Candra Roy said that the government has given maximum allocation in the education Sector because it was very much keen to increase country's literacy rate.

He said proper education to the people is only the way to develop the country.