

Int'l literacy day today

International Literacy Day will be observed today (Sunday) in Bangladesh and elsewhere in the world, reports UNB.

Some 32 government and non-government organisations related to literacy interventions have jointly organised various programmes to mark the occasion.

Besides, different socio-cultural, UN and voluntary organisations have chalked out programmes with the objective to create awareness among the people.

The day's programmes include discussion, rally and seminar. Newspapers will bring out special supplements while radio and television will put up programmes highlighting significance of the day.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas in a message on the occasion called upon all irrespective of their party affiliation to come forward unitedly to free the nation from the curse of illiteracy.

Terming the literate society as a

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creative society, Biswas said education is indispensable for producing creative and skilled human resources.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her message said observance of the International Literacy Day will have a positive impact on eradicating illiteracy.

She renewed her government's commitment to establish one primary school in every village and remove illiteracy from the country within next 10 years.

In observance of the day, Combined Literacy Campaign will bring out a colourful procession from in front of the National Museum at 8:30 a.m. The procession will end at Central Shaheed Minar after parading through Jatiya Press Club.

Representatives of government and non-government organisations, teachers, women, lawyers and volunteers will take part in the procession.

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), an NGO, has chalked out a three-day programme, including staging of a Tagore's drama titled "Tota Kahini" at the Shaheed Minar premises today (Sunday) morning.

United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a symposium at its office at 55, Dil-kusha commercial area at 5 p.m. Sree Shamanta Bhadra Barua will be the main speaker while elderly scientist Prof Mohammad Abu Bakar will preside over it.

Journalist Santosh Gupta, Advocate Mollah Mokbul Hossain, Afzal Hossain, Prof Raisuddin Ahmed and Advocate Syed Ahmed Hossain will participate in the UNAB discussion.

Association for Realisation of Basic Needs (ARBAN) will arrange a seminar on education at Jatiya Press Club auditorium at 4 p.m.

Former Chief Justice Kemaluddin Hossain will preside over the seminar. Chairman of Bangla Academy poet Shamsur Rahman will be the chief guest while Prof Shahjahan Tapan of Institute of Education and Research of Dhaka University will present the key-note paper.