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## 'Jhotirmoya Madaripur' project to eradicate illiteracy launched

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MADRIPUR, Nov. 12:—A literacy programme has been launched by the Madaripur district recently.

An organisation namely "Jhotirmoya Madaripur" was formed with Deputy Commissioner of Madaripur Farhad Rahman as its President. The aim of the organisation to eradicate the curse of illiteracy from the district. It is learnt that out of 12 lakh inhabitants of Madaripur district, 205,110 people of 11 to 45 age are illiterate, of them 92,472 are male and 11,25,37 female.

The administration launched the Total Literacy Movement (TLM) programme under the banner of "Jhotirmoya Madaripur," has setup 62 pilot educational centres. 16 centres in Kalkini Pourashava, 14 centres in Rajoir thana, 16 centers in Sadar thana and 16 centres in Shibchar thana with 30 students at each centre.

According to the plan of the district Administration, the illiterate adults of the district would be educated by the June 200. The total programme would be implemented through 6,947 mass literacy centres in four thanas including three Pourashavas of the total

centres 3,153 would be for males and the rest 3,789 females. Every centres would be conducted by a trained teacher on a monthly salary of Tk 500. The teacher will be guided by a supervisor who has been appointed for every 15 centres. A separate office has been set up under the guidance of some officials who will monitor the activities of the TLM programme.

The District Administration will distribute blackboards,

chalks, states, dusters, books, hurricane with kerosene oil and make setting arrangement to run these pilot education centres in two phases. It will cost about Tk 6,35,84,100.

An executive committee has also been formed comprising educationists political leaders, jour-

nalists and local people to super-

vised the programme.