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Illiteracy to be removed by 2006: PM

RANGAMATI, May 16:— Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the centenary festival and reunion programme of Rangamati Government High School today, saying that education is the key to all developments, reports UNB.

Opening the colourful programme of the century-old school on hilltop, she said her government has taken a massive programme to remove illiteracy from the country by the year 2006.

Hasina said the programme includes establishing at least one school in every village.

Responding to various demands of the school, the Prime Minister assured all possible help from the government.

She said decision has been taken to remove the police lines from the school premises and steps will be taken to solve other problems of the school.

An octogenarian former student of the school presented to the Prime Minister two books he wrote.

The function was also addressed by Education Minister ASHK Sadique, State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Head Master of Rangamati Govt High School Amarendranath Chakma, Rangamati Girls High School Head Mistress Anjali Ka Khisa and Gautam Dewan. Dipankar Talukder MP presided.

From the school, Hasina went to the Old Court Building ground to address a public meeting.

Before leaving the hill town in the afternoon, she visited a Buddhist monastery, Rajban Bihar, and met its chief Sadhanananda Mahasthabir.

Earlier, in the morning, the Prime Minister inaugurated a full-fledged station of Bangladesh Betar in the town.