

1.5 lakh mass literacy squads at work: PM

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said in Dacca on Saturday that the Government would remove illiteracy from the country by 1985 under the second phase of peaceful Revolution launched by President Ziaur Rahman, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a commemorative stamp on "Revolution—Second Phase—Education" at General Post Office in Dacca on Saturday morning Shah Azizur Rahman said one lakh and 50 thousand mass literacy squads were engaged in imparting functional education to the unlettered people in different parts of the country.

Shah Aziz said the teachers, students, intellectuals, retired Government officials, members of the Union Parishads, and Village Defence Parties were playing a pioneer role to make the programme a success.

The Prime Minister said that postal stamp was the easiest means of projecting a country's national thoughts, education, culture and development to the whole world.

The commemorative stamp on the second phase of the Revolution would augment the success of the mass-literacy programme, he added.

Shah Aziz said countries like

Burma, Sri Lanka, and Japan had achieved tremendous success in removing the curse of illiteracy through movement. In our country, Insha Allah, we shall remove illiteracy within the shortest possible time, he added.

The multi-coloured commemorative stamp on Revolution second phase education of 50 paisha denomination will be available in the important post offices in the country.

Mr. M. Ahsanullah, Secretary Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones and Mr. Mahbul Haque, Director-General of Post Office's also spoke on the occasion.



Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman inaugurating the release of a commemorative stamp on Revolution-Second Phase on Education at PMG Office, Dacca on Saturday.

Call to spread out scout movement

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman on Saturday called for spreading out the scouts movement throughout the country particularly in the rural areas, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the eighth National Council meeting of the Bangladesh Scouts at its national headquarters in Dacca Saturday afternoon he said that the scouts movement had attracted the whole world for its services to mankind and social welfare.

Shah Aziz urged the scouts to participate actively in different development programmes in the country, referring to their participation in the canal digging programmes. He asked them to put their whole hearted efforts to make the mass literacy programmes a success.

Presided over by Mr. Justice A. F. M. Ahsanuddin Choudhury, President, Bangladesh Scouts, the inaugural session was also addressed by Mr. Amirul Islam Kalam, Minister of State for Sports and Cultural Affairs, Mr. Manzurul Karim, Chief National Scouts Commissioner of Bangladesh and scouter, Shah Alam Gazi.