

## Integrated programme for literacy stressed

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Bangladesh Sakhrata Samity (Literacy Society) held a seminar on Integrated Mass Literacy Programme in celebration of the fifth founding ceremony of the organisation at the Bangladesh Education Extension and Research Institute on Sunday. Mr. Obaidul Huq, Editor of the Bangladesh Observer presided over the function while Mr. A.B.S. Safder, Secretary, Ministry of Manpower Development and Social Welfare was the chief guest.

Mr. A.K.M. Obaidullah Director IER, Mr. A.S.A. Nur Director Social Welfare Department and Prof. Mohammad Osman Ghani, Secretary General of the organisation also addressed the seminar.

Mr. Obaidul Huq while praising the literacy society said that the services of the organisation would be required in the years to come for national mass literacy programmes. The samity which has organised the people in an integrated programme of literacy, family planning, vocational training and self-reliance requires help and assistance from all concerned. Mr. Huq said.

Mr. A.B.S. Safder said that an integrated programme was essential to mobilise the illiterate people for imparting education. Collective efforts on the part of the Government and of the people is needed to attain the desired success in this field, he said.

Prof. Osman Ghani while dwelling at length on various aspects of the activities of the samity said that it has 284 centres in 284 villages where 1,571 teachers were engaged in imparting education to 45,770 adults. He said that the organisation would recruit 20,000 teachers for 2,500 villages by June next to impart adult education to two lakh people.

Mr. Abdur Rashid Chowdhury said that the organisation required help and cooperation from all concerned to go ahead with its mass literacy programmes.

  
Mr. A.B.S. Safder addressing a function of Bangladesh Sakhrata Samity at the IER on Sunday. Mr. Obaidul Huq, Editor, The Bangladesh Observer is also seen.