

Call to take part in mass literacy movement

Deputy Prime Minister S.A. Bari AT called upon the people to participate in mass literacy movement and achieve complete success in the second phase of the Revolution, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of two-day national conference of Bangladesh Sakhharata Samity held at Education Extension and Research Centre, in Dacca on Thursday.

The Deputy Prime Minister said people responded unexpectedly to materialise the first phase of the Revolution which began with nation-wide canal digging programme. He said the literacy movement reflects the wishes of the people and it will go a long way to achieve peace and prosperity.

Mr Bari recalled the early years of life when he was arrested and jailed for leading the Language Movement and said the movement came up with great expectation for Bangladeshis but the dream was never materialised. He said the vested interests harvested the fruits of Language Movement and other subsequent movements but the lot of the people remained unchanged.

Explaining the literacy movement as a pre-condition to national development the Deputy Prime Minister said no development programme could be materialised without making the people educated. In this context Mr Bari reminded the educated section of the society of their sacred responsibility in imparting education to their fellow brethren. He cautioned that survival of the educated affluent depended on how best they could render services to the less fortunate people of the society.

Lauding the role of Bangladesh Sakhharata Samity the Deputy Prime Minister said government would extend all possible assistance to the voluntary organisations involved in literacy movement.

Presided over by Mr A.M. Bazle, Rabbi, President of the Samity the function was addressed among others by Dr Mizanur Rahman, Prof Kabir Choudhury Prof Osman Ghani Abdur Rashid Chowdhury and A.K.M. Obaidur Rahman.