

Mass literacy programme at BUET.

A mass literacy programme has been taken up by the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology as a pioneering move towards the goal of "Education for all" by the end of this century, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia who is personally looking after the newly created Primary and Mass Education Department granted Tk 2,18,400 from her special fund to finance the initial phase of

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the programme.

Under the programme, 550 new entrants of the BUET will conduct a six-month course to impart literacy on at least 5,500 unlettered persons in their areas.

Each student will teach at least 100 illiterate persons giving lessons for two hours every day. A committee of local leaders will be formed to assist and supervise implementation of the programme at the local level.

Officials of the mass literacy programme will organise a one-day briefing session for the students who will take part in the programme during the 13 months of pre-session lay-off forced by session-jam. They will be given all the necessary educational appliances at the end of the briefing for use during the literacy programme.

The students will submit a report on the progress of the course every three months.

A committee, consisting of the Vice-Chancellor of BUET, concerned teachers and top level officials, will submit a full report after considering the progress reports submitted by the students.

The voluntary programme, a unique venture, is expected to bring about a revolution in spreading literacy all over the country, a press release of the Primary and Mass Education department of the government said on Monday.