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Higher literacy rate will raise agri output: Moudud

MANIKGANJ, Jan. 22: Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed said today higher rate of literacy would ensure higher production in both agriculture and industry, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was visiting non-formal primary schools at Manikganj run by Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Ayesha Abed Academy and Ganasastha Kendra at Savar.

The Managing Director of Ganasastha Kendra, Dr Zafarullah Choudhury and the Managing Director of BRAC, Mr Fazle Hasan Abed, were with the Prime Minister.

Mr Moudud Ahmed said, gov-

ernment was firmly committed to raise the literacy rate because without education no development programme can yield desired results. He said, for having a sound nation mothers of the country were to be imparted with basic education. Mothers are the basic institutions where citizens get their first education he pointed out.

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non-government and voluntary organisations like BRAC and Ganasastha Kendra had greater role to play in implementing programmes like arresting population boom, raising literacy rate, generating self-employment and importing health education.

Mr Moudud went round Uchaitia and Kanda-Kandi non-formal primary schools, two of the 181 such schools under Manikganj upazila and 82 in 31 other upazilas of the country run by BRAC. He also visited family poultry farms run by rural poor families under the patronisation of BRAC.

Later he visited Ayesha Abed Academy, another institution for training rural women in Batik, Embroidery, garment-making and other needle works which help rural women in self-employment.