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Tk 290 cr for mass literacy plan

The Government has taken up an extensive plan for the country's mass literacy and adult education programme which would cost Taka 290 crore, reports BSS.

Education and Cultural Affairs Secretary Quazi Jalaluddin Ahmed said that the plan would be implemented within the time period of the next Third Five-Year Plan. The target of the plan, he said, was to make literate 24 million people of the age group between 10 and 30 years.

Distributing certificates among the participants of a just concluded course of literacy supervisors and adult education organisers at the National Institute of Educational Administration, Extension and Research (NIEAER), Quazi Jalaluddin Ahmed also said that over two lakh maktabs attached to mosques and 40 thousand primary schools spreading all-over the country would be used as the bases for successful implementation of the extensive mass literacy programme.

Sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Education, and the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO),

Rabat, the months long course was participated by 30 nominees from the various government and non-government organisations.

Presided over by Dr. Obaidullah, Director of NIEAER, the function was addressed, among others, by Mr. Shami Mohammad Nasser, an adult literacy expert from Egypt and Dr. S. M. Hassan, Secretary of the Bangladesh National Commission for ISESCO.

The main objectives of the course is to acquire information, skill and necessary modern scientific attitude needed to develop the performance of the participants in the field of literacy and adult education.

Stressing the need for successful implementation of the literacy programme, Quazi Jalaluddin Ahmed sought fullest co-operation both from the government and non-governmental organisations engaged in the literacy drive.

Referring to the huge task of making the programme of mass literacy a success, the Education Secretary stressed the need for religious and cultural orientation in this regard.

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