

Mass literacy drive getting momentum : Shah Aziz

MONGLA (Khulna), Jan 17: Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman today said that different phases of peaceful revolution launched by the President Ziaur Rahman has succeeded almost beyond expectation, reports ENA.

Addressing a public meeting at this port town he said a workable irrigation network ensuring much higher productivity will be achieved at the end of current season when 700 more canals will be excavated.

The Prime Minister said the mass literacy programme is gaining momentum. About 1,80 crore adults have been enrolled for receiving functional education. He said, already 1,60 lakh education squads are operating all over the country. What is gratifying is the overwhelming participation of voluntary teachers including youth and students, he added.

Shah Azizur Rahman said, the third phase of revolution viz. the industrial revolution for higher industrial productivities is being geared up. Effective steps are being taken up through motivation for ar-

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resting the population boom, he pointed out.

The Prime Minister said, Chalna Port which enjoys a strategic position will be developed as a fulpledged international sea port.

Recalling the attainments of the present government, he said, the BNP has fulfilled its electoral pledges by resorting unfettered democracy, fundamental rights, freedom of Press and sovereign parliament through peaceful elections. The politics of BNP is politics of peace and production and not of malice and rancor, he observed.

MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM

He said, we strongly believe in the functioning of a multi-party system which alone can ensure nourishment of democracy and peaceful transfer of power. He said, the role of opposition is vital for stable democracy. The politics of opposition, he observed, should be although critical but constructive. There should be no difference on the maintenance of state principles, on preservation of national independence and sovereignty, he added.

Shah Aziz said, the government has already enacted two laws viz the Workman Compensation Act and Payment of Wages Act 1980, which ensured the basic rights of labour.

KDDB MEET HELD

At Chalna Port Rest House, the Prime Minister who is also the Chairman of the Khulna Divisional Development Board has presided over the third

meeting of the board. The board reviewed the progress of works of ongoing projects in different districts and the utilization of Taka 6.61 crore which have been distributed among the districts. The Chairman of the board highlighted overall development activities in the country and called upon the members to gear up development activities in their respective constituencies.

The meeting was also attended by M. Mafidul Haque Minister for Establishment, Vice Chairman of the board M. A. K. Fazlul Haque MP and non-official members.

WORKERS CONFERENCE

Returning to Khulna, the Prime Minister addressed a BNP workers conference at the BNP office. He called upon the party workers to earn love and esteem of the common men by selfless and devoted work. He said a political party can not thrive merely on slogans BNP has given them a positive programme which they must be able to grasp and comprehend so that they could transmit the same to the people and inspire them for implementation, he pointed out. He suggested a training course for all workers for equipping themselves with the knowledge of political science and current national and international affairs. He said a political worker should be son of honesty and integrity.

Shah Aziz said, within a short span of two years BNP, under the enlightened leadership of President Ziaur Rahman has emerged as a cohesive organisational structure capable of stimulating the activities of the party government. Such people, he said, who preferred personal greed and lust, wealth and position and subordinate party ideas to self interest will have no place in party structures. He called upon them to place principles above personalities. He said whenever they find the principles at stake they must not spare the personalities.

The Prime Minister also met cross section of people and received a delegation of teachers and students of Khulna Alia Madrash.