

## International Literacy Day

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THAKURGAON, Sept 9: The international literacy day was observed in a befitting manner in Panchagarh and Thakurgaon districts Wednesday as elsewhere in the country, reports BSS.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz formally inaugurated the programme in the districts.

He also took part in two separate big colourful rallies of school children and members of various socio-culture organizations which paraded the main thoroughfares of the two district towns.

Later addressing the rallies at Panchagarh and Thakurgaon auditoriums Mirza Hafiz asserted that development of any field was not possible deeping the vast majority of our population illiterate and unaware about the state of affairs of the country.

### CHITTAGONG

Another report says: Planning Minister A H M Zahiruddin Khan today underlined the need for education to enhance our image in the world and said no nation could be developed without education.

The Minister was addressing a discussion as the chief guest at Municipal Model School on the occasion of International Literacy Day here.

The Minister said, education is the backbone of the nation and it is education which is the key to development.

### COX'S BAZAR

BSS further informs Minister for Environment Forest and Fisheries-Livestock Abdullah Al Moman said that there is no alternative to education for the development of human resources which is the pre-requisite for national uplift.

He was addressing as chief guest at a discussion organised in connection with the observance of international literacy day at the public hall here Wednesday.

The Minister said that the present democratic government is fully aware of the necessity of education for national development and for that reason the highest allocation has been made for education sector in the national budget.

### RANGAMATI

BSS states in another report: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed today called for spread of education as it was a key to development.

He said, the government of Begum Khaleda Zia has given priority to education, as it alone could give solution to lot of problems.

He was addressing a discus-

sion meeting at the local district council auditorium here in observance of the International Literacy Day '93.

The Communication Minister said, the 'Food for Education' programme of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was being acclaimed throughout the country. "People will soon experience the tangible benefit of the programme" he said.

### MYMENSINGH

Another information: The Jute Minister, Mr ASM Hannan Shah Wednesday said that the government had introduced Food for Education Programme to ensure education for all in the country by the year 2000.

Addressing a public gathering organised in observance of 'International Literacy Day' at the Mymensingh Townhall Auditorium maidan. The Minister urged the parents to send their children to schools and make the education for all programme a success.

### MANIKGANJ

BSS says from Manikganj Industries Minister Mr. Shamsul Islam Khan Wednesday called for sincere efforts by all literate and conscious people to make mass education programme of the government a success.

He was addressing a meeting on the occasion of the international literacy day at Manikganj Model College, a PID handout said.

The Minister said the present democratic government involving all to implement the mass education programme. He said the government has already made primary education compulsory and the seminorformal programme is being implemented to strengthen the mass literacy programme.

### RAJBARI

BSS further adds from Rajbari: "International Literacy Day" was observed here Wednesday as elsewhere in the country as a part of the programme rally, discussion and cultural function were arranged on the occasion.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum was the chief guest in these functions.

Speaking on the occasion she said education has no alternative to ensure national development as well as the improvement of the lot of the people. She said, we should educate the people specially the women community; the present government has undertaken a massive programme.

### KUSHTIA

A UNB message: State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan said Wednesday that the present government attached top most

priority to education sector to free the nation from the cures of illiteracy.

He was speaking as chief guest at a seminar organised in observance of the International Literacy Day at Kushtia Polytechnic Institute auditorium. He said illiteracy is the main hindrance to our national development.

Mannan said without eradication of illiteracy from the society the socio-economic development of the country can not be ensured.

### GAZIPUR

UNB informs from further: State Minister in charge of the Ministry of Science and Technology Prof MA Mannan said Wednesday without mass education national development will remain a mere imagination.

The minister was addressing as chief guest at a gathering in Gazipur Rajbari Maidan in observance of International Literacy Day.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Gazipur the meeting was also addressed by Principal Gazipur Mohila College and General Secretary of Gazipur district BNP Abu Taher.

Stressing the need for education Prof Mannan said a nation cannot attain the desired goal of development unless it reaches the expected target of literacy rate.

### TANGAIL

BSS states in another message: The International Literacy Day was observed in the district Wednesday as elsewhere in the country and the world over.

State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan formally inaugurated the programmes. He also took part in a big colourful rally of school boys and girls and members of different socio-cultural organisations which paraded main roads of the town.

Earlier, Lutfur Rahman Khan addressed as the chief guest in a discussion meeting on the occasion at Tangail Bindubashini Girls School premises. Deputy Commissioner of Tangail Khandaker Abdul Matin Khan presided over the meeting.

### KHULNA

Another BSS message: Secretary Ministry of Education Mohammad Ershadul Huq called upon the people of all walks of life to use education as main weapons for eradicating poverty from our society.

The education secretary was speaking at a seminar on "eradication of poverty and education" held on Monday at the Khulna officers club auditorium.

Presided over by the Deputy

Commissioner of Khulna Kazi Reasul Haque the seminar was addressed among others by Vice Chancellor of Khulna University, Professor Dr Golam Ali Fakir, Khulna Divisional Commissioner, Abdul Muk-tadir Chowdhary, Maleka Begum of Khulna Coronation Government Girls High School.