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# Mass literacy programme taken up in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Sept 16: The government has taken up a mass literacy programme to remove illiteracy from the district's Polash thana within a very short time, reports UNB.

Officials said the programme, involving people of different age-groups, would be implemented in three phases.

Some 1800 teachers in 1200 centres have been engaged in the first phase that began on September 1. Six hundred more centres will be opened by January, 1997.

Meanwhile, some 110 people have been given training to supervise the programme and ensure its effective implementation. The thana authorities have been motivating the people to participate in the literacy programme in large numbers. Officials said response has been highly encouraging in the first

phase.

But poor and destitute women are reportedly reluctant to come to the centres in old tattered clothes.

Local leaders urged the government to supply clothes to the deserving women from the relief fund or initiate a "sari for education" programme for the destitute women of the thana.