

## Literacy campaign gains momentum

From Our Correspondent

MUNSHIGANJ April 21 Mass literacy campaign through out the subdivision is going on in full swing to make it a success as directed by President Ziaur Rahman for onward march to progress in the education sector. Different organisations and agencies have been involved in this important national task under the direct supervision of the subdivisional administration.

Educative posters have already been distributed through various agencies in this subdivision covering 99 Union Parishads in six police stations. A source attached to the campaign told this correspondent that by this time booklets numbering 30,883 were distributed amongst alphabet learners through the trained teachers received for the purpose. The SDO Munshiganj, who inaugurated a centre in the pourasava area some time back noted remarkable progress and advised all concerned to take full advantage of the drive and thus help the country in removing illiteracy for good.

Principal G. M. A. Mannan advised the students community to share the campaign sincerely and faithfully.

A spokesman said that so far 1,049 adult education centres were opened in this subdivision. Maximum number of centres have been opened in Munshiganj PS. The breakdown of the centres are as follows: Munshiganj 200, Tangibari 175, Ichajang 180, Sreenagar 195, Serajdikhan 160 and Gazaria 88.

The number of trained teachers are 2,465 while 14,699 teachers received training for this

job and the number of learners taught are 28,362.

### JIBNIDAH PLAN

Our Correspondent from Jibnidah adds: The Government has taken up an ambitious plan to develop 219 schools out of the total of 427 free primary schools in the subdivision according to official sources. An amount of Taka 27,53,914 has already been spent for the development of 101 schools and another sum of Taka 3,20,000 has been sanctioned for 32 schools.

It is reported that the development programme was divided into three categories—first second and third. In the first category 45 new one storied buildings were built for 42 schools at a cost of 4,50,000 taka each in which 17,50,000 taka were spent. In the second category major developments of the already existing buildings of 49 schools were done in which Taka 8,43,641 were expended. The development of these two categories were done in the 1976-77 financial year.

In the third category fall 128 schools. By this time, minor development of the existing buildings of 10 schools have been done at a total cost of Taka 1,18,273 which was sanctioned in the financial year 1979-80. Moreover, Taka 320,000 were sanctioned recently for the development of another 32 third category schools. The sanction for the selected rest 82 third category schools will be completed by the coming financial year, it is expected. When completed, these development programmes will yield good results in the field of primary and mass education throughout the subdivision.