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Solve problems of primary education

From A Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Jan. 28:—A seminar on the prevention of drop-outs and retention rate of Pupils in Primary Schools was held at the Sadar Upazila Complex on January 14. A large number of teachers, guardians and Chairmen of Managing Committees participated in this seminar which was chaired by Mr Abu Bakr Siddique, Chairman Madaripur Sadar Upazila.

Mr A.K.M. Ayub Ali UNO Sadar, Mr. Md. Abdus Sattar, Principal Madaripur Sophia Mahila College, Mr Sardar Abul Fazal, Lecturer Govt Nazimuddin College, Mr Abdur Rahman IEO Mr Mohan Mia UZEO Mr Ismail Hossain Sikdar, President Primary Teachers Association, Mr Adam Ali and A. Manzan Howlader among others spoke on the occasion.

The Speakers urged the Teachers to earn confidence of people through their dedicated service and to achieve the target on the universal education programme.

The teachers, who were engaged in the most arduous job in the society were termed as engineers in nation-building. Primary education, which is the base and foundation of education system, should be recast on strong footing, they opined.

The speakers emphasised the importance of concerted efforts to raise the enrolments in primary level and to bring about a qualitative improvement in the standard of education and to ensure the retention rate of the primary-level students.

Teachers were expected to be properly groomed for that

timely distribution of furniture, books and teaching aids for the maximum benefits.

It was deplored that 60 per cent of the 140 Primary Schools under Madaripur Sadar Upazila were in a dilapidated condition. Most of these Schools have no roofs, fences, fields, chairs teaching aids and the instructional materials.

Regarding the free-distribution of books, it was revealed that Dharma Shiksha for all Classes and Sciences for a number of Classes had not reached Schools as yet. Other books supplied were insufficient, it is alleged.

The members of Managing Committees of Primary Schools and the guardians were advised to assume the correct supervisory functions in ingraining scientific and mass-oriented

education. They should keep themselves above nepotism.

Mr A.K.M. Ayub Ali in his speech urged teachers to make teaching lively through stories, maps, charts and educational aids for the benefit of the pupils.

Mr Sardar Abul Fazal mentioned the existing disparities in facilities in different institutions and recommended for an unified system of education. He also asked teacher to be dutiful.

Mr Abdur Rahman appealed to the people to cater to the needs of Schools as they would be the constant sufferers in cases of failures.

Mr Md Abdus Sattar emphasised the spontaneous accomplishment of duties of teachers, guardians and Chairmen to enable them to offer leadership in all affairs for bringing about a happy abode for all.

Mr Abu Bakr Siddique in his presidential speech, underscored the need for maintaining cordial relationships among

the classes of people with the proliferation of Primary Education and assured of proper

assessment of the cardinal problems and their lasting solutions.

Recalling the enormous responsibilities vested upon the teachers the Chairman appealed to them to motivate people in checking population boom and in augmenting social richness in agriculture, poultry, plantation, horticulture and like.

He then distributed honours and rewards to ten teachers.

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