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*Almonirhat will be
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of illiteracy by Aug*

LALMONIRHAT, June 3: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here to night that Lalmonirhat will be made free of the curse of illiteracy by August 25, reports BSS.

Begum Zia said this tonight after she saw herself the trend setting adult literacy programme now being implemented across the district aimed at making all the 268,000 illiterate adults of the age group of 11-45 literate by August this year.

The Prime Minister was of all praise for the successful programme, which was launched last year in the district by Lalmonirhat Mass Literacy Association with the financial backing of the primary and mass literacy, division.

Under the programme so far, 29,000 illiterate people have already been made free of the curse of illiteracy. The rest 200,000 illiterates will also be made literate within three months under the programme.

Visiting various schools of the district, Begum Zia was impressed to see the success of the programme. She inspected different adult literacy institutions and talked to the adult pupils. The Prime Minister told them that there was nothing to be ashamed of learning as age is not a bar to that.

She said if you become literate than nobody would be able to bluff you, the Prime Minister also asked them to send their wards to schools.

In the district there are 7,000 such education centres each having 30 male and female students.

✓ The shift for women is being run in the afternoon and for the male students at night. The outlay of the programme is take four crore. After the successful completion of the programme in the district, all other districts would be brought under the programme.

Education Minister Jamiruddin, Sircar, Labour Minister Mir Shawkat Ali, several MPs and primary Education Secretary Kazi Rakibuddin were present on the occasion.