

Call to take part in Mass literacy programme

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman on Sunday called upon the conscious and educated citizens of the country to actively participate in the mass literacy programme aimed at eliminating the curse of illiteracy from the society, reports BSS.

He was speaking at the annual cultural function of the Shishu Bitan and Adult Education centre, Dacca. Foreign Minister Prof. Shamsul Huq was present on the occasion.

Presided over by Mrs. Tabea Huq, president of the centre, the function was also addressed by Mrs. Taslima Abed, State Minister for Women Affairs.

Shah Aziz said that 30 lakh people had been provided with functional education dur-

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ing the last year and expressed the hope that the country would be free from the curse of illiteracy by the next five years.

He said the functional education would enable one to read newspapers, writing letters and keeping accounts of the family.

The Prime Minister welcomed the Shishu Bitan and Adult Education Centre for its role imparting education to the children of the lower class employees and providing adult education to the unlettered. He said the government would extend co-operation to this organisation for these activities.

Shah Aziz stressed the need for a total change in the education system keeping in view the needs of the modern age of science and technology.