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Literacy Drive

Education leads people to progress and prosperity. This universally accepted truth has inspired our programme to eradicate illiteracy from the land. The efforts hitherto made in this respect have started producing encouraging results. By now, for instance, out of the total 1,06,392 illiterate people under the Rajbari Thana of Faridpur district, 11,741 persons, both male and female, have been taught to read and write in different centres. It may be mentioned that some training has been imparted to 1,323 persons to run these centres at Thana and Union levels. Similar steps are also being taken in all other places of the country.

Removal of illiteracy can be expected to help the nation march ahead in step with the time. For education will instil self-respect in the people. But the fact remains that learning of the three R's alone would not do. Education must be made

practical. It is only then that our human resources can be converted into a productive force. This calls for gearing up measures to expedite introduction of vocational education and training in these centres as well as in the existing primary and secondary schools of the country.

In this context it may be noted that incomplete schooling can never help youths find any good jobs. As a result, as we see, most of them have to pass days in hardship. Vocational education and training will prove a boon to them. For this will equip them with the knowledge and skill that will enable them to make an honest living. Education alone can help develop their potential qualities and capabilities which will promote their efficiency and self-confidence. Their potentials can thus be properly utilized for productive purposes. The earlier it is done, the better for the nation.