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Literacy drive geared up in Rajshahi

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RAJSHAHI, Aug. 24.—Mass literacy campaign has received a great boost in Rajshahi district where so far over three lakh illiterate men and women have been learnt to read and write. Over 611 voluntary organisations and 10523 squads consisting of students, teachers and social workers have been working in six thousands villages of the District.

According to an official of the District Administration so far 3,82,000 books have been distributed among the illiterate people of the district whose total number has been estimated about 15,75,600. He said that besides the Government a large number of voluntary organisations, Union Parishads and individuals have also distributed books and other materials among the villagers. For the promotion of the campaign and to generate interest among the people who could not purchase books and other materials due to economic hardship.

Expressing his experience the District Official said that

since the campaign has been launched people from all walks of life particularly womenfolk of the villages have been showing a great interest and they are regularly attending various adult education centres opened in each union for the women-folk. In some of the centres apart from giving education the villagers are also being given primary training on various subjects such as maternity, child welfare, sewing and tit-bits on medical care.