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Illiteracy to go by next five years: PM

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 says BSS.

He was speaking at the annual cultural function of the Shishu Bitan and Adult Education Centre in Dacca Foreign Minister Prof. Shamsul Haq was present on the occasion.

Presided over by Mrs. Tayeba Haq, President of the centre the function was also addressed by Mrs. Taslima Abed State Minister for Women Affairs.

Shah Aziz said that thirty lakh people had been provided with functional education during 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 in imparting education to the children of the lower class employees and providing adult education to the unlettered. He said the Government would extend cooperation 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.



The maximum temperature recorded in Dacca on Sunday was 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 degrees Centigrade) and the minimum was 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Centigrade).

The percentage of humidity recorded on the day was 65 in the morning and 56 in the evening.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 6.08 p.m. and rises on Tuesday at 6.08 a.m.

There is 60 per cent chance of local rain/thunder shower accompanied by hail with gusty and squally wind over Dacca, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and scattered over Rajshahi division, according to weather forecast valid till 6 p.m. today.

The day's temperature is likely to remain unchanged.