

# Massive literacy drive in Khulna

From Our Correspondent

DAULATPUR Jan 9:—An extensive programme has been chalked out in all the three subdivisions of Khulna district to remove the curse of illiteracy. A total of about four and a half lakh illiterate people including male and female have given the light of education so far in the second phase of mass literacy campaign. About 2760 villages have been brought under the programme and the campaign has already started in 2664 villages in the district.

This was disclosed by Mr. M. Mansur Ali, Minister for Textiles while addressing as chief guest at a meeting of Circle Officers Thana Education Officers and the heads of different schools and colleges held at the Collectorate Conference Room recently.

The Minister said that the Government had been considering introduction of compulsory education throughout the country. He hoped that the literate section of the society would take initiative to make the programme a success. He also advised the people to implement President Zia's peaceful revolution and to exert their influence over the society to arrest the rapid growth of population.

Mr. Mujahidul Islam MP and Mr. Enayet Ali, Chairman of Khulna Pourashava spoke on the occasion.

Mr. Shamsul Huq Addition Lal Deputy Commissioner

(Education) of Khulna presided over the meeting.

## Confce on social welfare

A three-day long conference on social welfare was arranged at the auditorium of Khulna Pourashava recently.

On the concluding session of the conference Mr. M. Mansur Ali, Minister for Textiles attended as chief guest and advised the members of the social welfare organisation to take comprehensive plan for the welfare of the people. He also stressed the need for establishing such organisations in every district.

The Minister lauded the active participation of the organisation in mass literacy programme taken by the Government.

The conference was arranged by the local social welfare organisation.

In a meeting held recently at the office-room of the Daily Janabarta Khulna the young literary fans formed an organisation under the name of Sabuj Asar.

Syed Sohrab Ali, presided over the meeting.

The Khulna Law College Unit off Udvash Sammilitu Sahitya Asar was formed recently with Mr. Biplob Kanti Mondal in the chair.

In this connection a 26-member working committee was formed with Mr. Biplob Kanti Mondal and Mr. Abdul Hai Al-Mamun as President and General Secretary respectively.