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Mass literacy drive gains momentum

From Our Correspondent

DAULATPUR, Aug. 8:—Over seven lakh seventy-one thousand illiterate people have so far been given the light of education in Khulna Division under mass literacy campaign according to a report gathered here.

For this purpose, over thirteen lakh primary books have so far been distributed among the people in the division. A total of over eighty thousand teachers were given training. Of them, 498 at district level, 2711 at thana level and 77179 at union level.

It is said that over 53 lakh 27 thousand illiterate people are there in the division and all of them will be given primary education phase by phase. About 11789 villages have been brought under this programme and the campaign for the removal of illiteracy in almost all the villages in the division have been going on in full-swing. About 28,855 literacy squads have also been formed for the quick implementation of the second phase of revolution. It is learnt.

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Our Comilla Correspondent adds: The mass literacy programme has gained momentum in the district and 4,112 villages out of a total of 5,354 villages in the district have been brought under the mass literacy activities, according to an official source.

About 4,112 literacy squads with about 12,139 volunteers have been formed to pursue the programme at village, union and thana levels, the source added. Besides 52 voluntary socio-cultural organisations have been participating in the mass literacy drive in the district. About 1,24,472 people, including 40,475 females were taught to write their names upto 30 June last source added.