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## Illiteracy rate increasing: Mizan

CHANDPUR, Oct 14:—Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury yesterday said here the Government was taking positive steps for making the country's primary education compulsory, reports BSS.

He said the task was a big one but we shall have to do it for imparting education to the illiterate children.

Speaking at the foundation laying ceremony of Hafez Mahmuda Municipal Girls High School here at Purtan Bazar the Prime Minister said the rate of illiteracy among the children was going high day by day following the population increase. The gap between the increase of population and establishment of new schools was at par, he observed, according to a PID handout.

Referring to the role of education in tackling social problems and ensuring social peace and development, the Prime Minister called upon the well-

to-do people of the country to establish educational institutions in their localities and help the future generations to grow with basic education.

The Prime Minister reminded the guardians that educated children were the assets of the parents and the society whereas uneducated children were liabilities of both the society and the parents.

Mr. Mizan Chowdhury called upon the local people to build up the girls high school as an ideal one.

Presided over by Chandpur Municipal Chairman Shamsuddin Ahmed, the function was also addressed, among others, by Sadar Upazila Chairman Abdul Qadir Master.

Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury took personal initiative in establishing the girls high school. Later he unveiled the plaque and laid the foundation stone of the school building.