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## Take initiative to make all citizens literate by 2000

BCGRA, March 30: Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam has called upon the educated section of the country to take necessary initiative for making all citizens literate by the year 2000, reports BSS.

The Minister said President Ershad's policy was to spread the light of education to the remotest corner of the country. Therefore, he said, we have to establish school, college and madrasa in villages to spread education, a PID handout said.

The Education Minister was speaking at the foundation laying ceremony of Raushan Ershad Mahila Mahabiddalaya at Mokamtalal under Shibganj upazila Tuesday State Minister for Agriculture Mamdudur Rahman Chowdhury also addressed on the occasion.

Sheikh Shahid said President Ershad's administration had been brought to the doorstep of the people. Now people do not have to run after the administration but it is the other way round, he added.

The Minister said a section of politician was creating obstruction to development activities. He appealed to all to unitedly resist such actions of the selfseekers.

Sheikh Shahid said the present government had made

highest allocation for the education sector and was taking up various development activities. He urged for private initiative alongwith the government for the development of education.

He said it was President Ershad who had given institutional framework to democracy and that the nation had learned to preserve its prestige.

Presided over by Abul Kassem, Chairman Shibganj upazila the meeting was addressed among others by Aminul Islam Sarkar Pintu MP, Chairman Bogra Zila Parishad.