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## 50 pc literacy aimed at by '95 : Moudud

NOAKHALI, July 26 (BSS) Vice President Moudud Ahmed today underscored the need for successful implementation of compulsory primary education programme to attain 50 per cent literacy rate by 1995.

He was presenting a scholarship to the talented students of Noakhali Pourasabha at the Pourasabha Auditorium here.

The function was addressed, by local Zila Parishad Chairman Fazle Elahi MP, Pourashaba Chairman Nurun Nabi Chowdhury, among others. It was attended by Mohammad Ali MP, Dr K M Hossain MP, district level officials and other elite.

Mr Moudud Ahmed said the government was determined to raise the literacy rate and had

taken up programmes accordingly. He said the 68 thousand villages of the country will have government primary schools. Initially all the non-government primary schools will be nationalised, he said.

The Vice President said to integrate and involve the women of the country with the total gamut of national development programme increasing the rate of female literacy is an imperative need.

He said the government had taken up programmes to impart free education to girls up to Class Eight beyond municipal areas.

Mr Moudud Ahmed called upon the teachers to be model personalities of society. He urged the students to inculcate all the good habits and acquire knowledge to build them as worthy citizens of the country.

The Vice President formally distributed scholarship to 107 boys and girls for their good academic performances in 1989.

Earlier, Mr Moudud Ahmed opened the Maijdi branch of United Commercial Bank Limited

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At the opening function held at Danida auditorium and organised by the Bank, the Vice President said, private banks, beyond commercial responsibilities, have social and moral obligations. He said the present government had allowed private sector banks to grow for supplementing healthy growth of private sector.

Mr Moudud Ahmed called upon the private sector banks to help implement government economic policies, in particular industrial policy by their sincere services to the clients especially the industrial entrepreneurs. He urged the borrowers of bank loans to repay loans in time.

The function was addressed by local Zila Parishad Chairman Fazle Elahi MP, former President of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the bank, Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury, local pourasava chairman, Nurun Nabi Chowdhry and President of local chamber of commerce and industry Nazibur Rahman.