

# World Literacy Day today

International Literacy Day will be observed today (Sunday) in the country along with other countries of the world, reports BSS.

The day coincides the opening of the first World Congress of the ministers of the education on the eradication of illiteracy held in Tehran in 1965.

Various governmental and socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The mass education programme of the Ministry of Education and Bangladesh UNESCO national commission will jointly hold a seminar on the occasion at the National Museum Auditorium at 10 am today. Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof AQM Badruddoja Chowdhury will attend the seminar as the chief guest while State Minister for Education Principal M. Yunus Khan will be present as the special guest.

The Education Minister will also attend a seminar on "the significance of the Literacy Day and education for all in Bangladesh" on the occasion organised by Bangladesh Sakkharata Samity at NAEM Auditorium near Dhaka College at 5 pm today. State Minister for Information M. Nurul Huda and Education Secretary A N M. Eusuf will be present on the occasion as the special guests.

Lions Club of Dhaka central will hold a function at the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) premises at 9.30 am today. Education Secretary A N M. Eusuf will be present on the occasion as the chief guest while UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh Cole R Dodge and

Lions District Governor Jalal Ahmed will attend as the special guests.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission in co-operation with the UNIC will hold a discussion at the UNIC premises on the occasion at 5 pm today. State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain will be present as the chief guest.

Jatiya Sangskritik Sangstha will hold a discussion at its central office at 5 pm today. Dr Ashraf Siddiqi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BSS, will be present on the occasion as the chief guest while Mr. Sanaullah Noori, Editor of the Dainik Janata will preside over.

In observance of the day the United Nations Association of Bangladesh will hold a discussion at Dr. Shahidullah Adarsha School, Mirpur, at 5 pm today. Dr. Abdullah Al-Muti Sharifuddin will be the main speaker in the discussion.

Lions Club International District-315b will hold a seminar on the occasion at hotel Purbani at 7 pm today. Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas will be present on the occasion as the chief guest.

To mark the day international Pen-Pals Club in cooperation with the UNIC will hold a seminar on September 9 at 4 pm at the UNIC premises. State Minister for Information M. Nurul Huda will speak on the occasion as the chief guest while Education Secretary A N M. Eusuf will be the special guest. Eminent Journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury and Prof Masuda M. Rashid Chowdhury will take part in the seminar.