

## Make mass-education plan a success: Hafiz

RAJSHAHI, May 23: Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz today said that effective and permanent social movement was needed for successful implementation of primary and mass-education programme, reports BSS.

Education is the key to attain overall development of the country, he added.

He underscored the need for active cooperation of all, irrespective of party affiliation and the coordination of public representatives and officials to make the programme aimed at ensuring 'Education for all by the Year 2000' a success.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a review meeting and

workshop on Implementation of Primary and Mass-Education Programme in Rajshahi Division here at Zila Parishad Auditorium.

A message of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was read out in the meeting by Secretary of Primary and Mass-Education Division wishing success of the objective of the workshop.

The inaugural session was addressed by State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aminul Haq, Khurshid Zahan Haq PM, Azizur Rahman MP, Samsuddin Ahmed MP, Lutfunnesa Hossain MP Secretary of Primary and Mass-Education Division Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed, Project Coordination of General Education Project Alamgir Farook Chowdhury and Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi M Aminul Islam. Director General of Primary Education Department Abdus Sobhan Presided.

Organised by Primary and Mass-Education Division, the workshop was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Thana Nirbahi Officers, District Primary Education Officers, Thana Education Officers and Assistant Thana Education Officers and headmasters and other Divisional Education Officials of Rajshahi Division.

Mr Mirza Hafiz said, it would not be possible to take the nation to the road of prosperity keeping 75 per cent of the people illiterate. Eradication of illiteracy was the political commitment of the present government. He emphatically said adding a separate primary and mass-education division had been formed under the direct supervision of Prime Minister to materialise the commitment.

The Law Minister said providing education to all is constitutional responsibility of Bangladesh government. The BNP government is pledged bound to carry forward the constitutional responsibility, he added. Primary Education has been made compulsory throughout the country from January last and all other necessary steps have been taken for spreading Education, he mentioned.

Mr Mirza Hafiz said, eradication of illiteracy was a dream of late President Ziaur Rahman who had introduced the programme in his 19-point programme. He said, the present government is determined to materialise the dream of Zia through spreading education to all.