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### Mass-education plan to increase literacy rate

The Deputy Leader of the House in the Jatiya Sangsad, Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury said in Dhaka on Friday that there was no alternative to education for the development of the country, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of a Mass-Education Institute at the Mirpur Champa-Parul Junior Girls' School founded by Zia addarsha Sangsad. Deputy minister for Shipping A B M Zahidul Huq also spoke on the occasion.

Prof chowdhury said that the BNP government has re-introduced the mass-education programme all over the country to increase the literacy rate. Despite fund constraint the government has given priority to education sector. It has made primary education compulsory and expanded the scope of girls' education by waiving tuition fees upto class eight, he added.

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The Deputy leader of the House said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman was the first to take initiative for the expansion of the mass-education. The late President had also launched vocational education for the benefit of the unemployed youth, he said.

Syed Mohammad Mohasin, MP, Bani Ashraf MP, Md Abdur Rahman and Khandakar Golam Azad addressed the function.