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Literacy Day observed

International Literacy Day was observed in the country on Sunday in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Different government, non-government, socio-cultural, voluntary and international organisations had chalked out elaborate programmes on the occasion.

The day's programme included discussions, seminars and rallies. National dailies published special articles while radio and television put up programmes highlighting the significance of the day.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages calling upon the people to work unitedly for eradicating the curse of illiteracy from society.

In the capital Dhaka, the Primary and Mass Education Division organised a discussion on the occasion where Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was the chief guest.

The Prime Minister, in her speech, called for launching a united and integrated social movement to free the country from the curse of illiteracy within the shortest possible time.

Campaign for popular education (CAMPE) brought out a colourful procession Sunday morning from in front of the National Museum which ended at central Shaheed Minar after parading different city streets.

The camps also staged a Tagore's drama entitled "Total Kahini" at the central Shaheed Minar on Sunday on the occasion.

The United National Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) held a symposium in which educationists, lawyers, journalists and scientists participated.

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Clubs in Bangladesh held a discussion Sunday morning where speakers urged the signatories to the Jomtien (Thailand) declaration, including Bangladesh, to implement it to remove the curse of illiteracy.

The discussion, presided over by Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, Secretary General of the Club, was addressed, among others, by Professor Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury, M Enayetur Rahman and Sajedul Awwal.

Association for realisation of basic needs (arban) arranged a seminar on education at the auditorium of National Press Club Sunday afternoon.

Reports reaching in Dhaka from different parts of the country said the day was observed in a befitting manner.

Gazipur

BSS adds from Gazipur, International literacy day was observed here today.

A discussion meeting was organised by the district administration on the occasion.

State Minister for Housing and Public Works Afsaruddin Ahmed Khan spoke on the occasion as the chief guest.

The minister said Gazipur district would be free from illiteracy by the year 2000. He urged every literates to teach at least one man or woman for increasing the rate of literacy.

The function was addressed, among others, by Ahsannullah Master MP, Gazipur and Tongi Pourashava Chairman A.K.M Mozammel Hoq and Ajmatullah Khan.

Earlier a colourful rally led by the minister was brought out which paraded different streets of the town.

A book fair was also organised on the occasion.

Chittagong

BSS from Ctg adds:—International Literacy Day was observed here today (Monday) through discussion and other programmes.

Bangladesh Adult Education Centre held a discussion in this connection at its Serajuddowla Road office with educationist Abdul Momen in the chair.

Kazi Khalilur Rahman, Editor of Dainik Kishan was present in the discussion as the chief guest. Muzaffar Ahmad Amirabadi, Forkan Al-Hamidi, Osman Gani, Advocate Shahidullah, Ms Farida, Fahima Rahman and Khaleda Sumi— all members of the Education Centre, took part in the discussion.

They called upon all concerned to put united efforts to remove illiteracy from the country within ten years. Illiteracy is a curse which hampers national progress, they said.

Anowara Thana Education and Cultural Council observed the day by holding rally and discussion, a Parishad Press releases, said.

Reception for meritorious students and prize distribution were other programmes of the council. Thana Nirbahi Officer Anis Uddin Manzur was the chief guest on the occasion.

UNAB

In observance of International Literacy Day—the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) arranged a symposium at Dilkusha on Sunday. Shamanta Bhadra Barua, Literacy and Adult Education Programme Organizer of Shanirvar Bangladesh presented the key-note paper.

After presentation of the key-note paper, a lively discussion was held which was participated by educationist Dr. Latifa Akand, senior journalist Mr. Santosh Gupta, Advocate Mollah Moqbul Hossain, Professor Raisuddin Ahmed and Advocate Syed Ahmad Hossain, Secretary-General, United Nations Association of Bangladesh.