

Mass literacy programme launched

RAJSHAHI, Sept. 1:— A scheme has been undertaken to educate about seven lakh people of the district under "Sandipan" a mass literacy programmes of the administration within the next two years, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at an inaugural function of the "Sandipan", an integrated literacy movement programmes, held at the district council auditorium on Thursday.

The function was inaugurated by the Primary and Mass Education Secretary Syed Ameer-ul-Mulk with Deputy Commissioner Kazi Farid Ahmed in the chair.

Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof. Yusuf Ali, Divisional Commissioner Yahia Chowdhury, Director General of Compulsory Primary Education Sawkat Ali and Director General of Non-Formal Education Shahidul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

Speaking as chief guest Syed Ameer-ul-Mulk said people from all walks of life must come forward to make the literacy programme a success.

More than 65 per cent people of our country are unlettered and it is a national shame for us, he said adding spontaneous response is a prerequisite to achieve the goal.

The government this year has allotted near about Tk. 1,800 crore in the mass literacy sector, he informed.

Giving details of the programme DC Kazi Farid Ahmed said, about seven lakh people aged between 11-45 years will be given basic primary education under the programme "Sandipan".

All necessary instruments including lanterns, books, khatas will also be provided by the administration free of cost and per head expenditure has been estimated at Tk. 200, he said.