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Minister deplores tendency of copying in exam

Literacy rate increases but standard of education falls

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAI NAWABGANJ, Dec 7:—A colourful festival on completion of 50 years of Panka-Narayanpur Public High School was arranged at local Shahid Satu Hall on December 3 last.

Presided over by Mr. Taimur Rahman, former Head Master of Panka Narayanpur Public High School the inaugural session was addressed by State Minister for Primary and Mass-Education, Mr. Satish Chandra Roy as the chief guest, Mr. Nazrul Islam Local DC as the special guest, Mrs. Mahabuba Khatun, Principal of Nawabganj Govt. Mahila College, Advocate Osman Gani, Mr. Aftabuddin, Head Master of the School and Mr. Ashwini Kumar Roy, former Head Master of Hari Mahan High School.

The welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Zahurul Haque, first secretary, National Revenue Board.

While addressing the inaugural session of the festival Mr. Satish Chandra Roy, said that the literacy rate in Bangladesh is increasing but the standard of education is decreasing.

Pointing to the bad effects of copying Mr. Roy who had been working as an assistant Head Master of a high school for 16 years urged upon teachers, students and guardians to enhance

the standard of education by discharging their respective duties properly.

He informed that the govt. has taken up a programme to make the entire nation literate by 2006 AD and all people irrespective of political attachments should come forward to make it a success.

In the second phase of the festival several persons who were attached to the school as organisers, teachers and students recollect the glorious but uneven post of the school. In the last phase a cultural programme was arranged at the same venue in the evening.

Several hundreds current and former students of the school attended the festival.

It may be mentioned here that Panka Naryanpur Public High School was established in Panka union of the Diar area of the district in 1948 is one of the renowned high schools of Chapai Nawabganj. It has produced a galaxy of stars working in different sectors with success. The school has to be shifted at least 6/7 times to different places since its foundation due to the erosion of the mighty Padma. Govt aid has been sought for the school repeatedly affected by the erosion of the Padma.

Workshop on culture

A two day long workshop on

mass culture was arranged by Chapai Nawabganj Theatre with the financial aid a Proshika (NGO) on December 3 and 4 last.

Presided over by Advocate Nazrul Islam the workshop was addressed by Professor Enamul Haque as the chief guest. Mr. Sayed Nazat Hossain, Prof. Golam Rasul, Novelist Shyam Bhattacharya, and cultural co-ordinator of Proshika Mr. Abdur Rab. Around 35 persons involved in cultural activities in five thanas of the district attended the workshop.

Mass grave

The pillar erected on the mass Sgrave at Rangpur Railway Station under Rangpur Pourashava symbolized the brutality and barbarism of the Pak-occupation.

The Pak army set up a temporary camp at Rangpur Government High School at Rahapur during the period of the Liberation War.

The Army used to nab the innocent people from the adjoining areas of Rahapur and kept them in the camp. Later they were killed brutally and buried in the mass grave. Many were buried alive here. But only a pillar of brick was erected in memory of the people martyred here during the Liberation War.