

## United efforts needed to root out illiteracy

SYLHET, July 6.—Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, yesterday called upon all concerned to make the country's literacy drive a success, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a meeting of the block supervisors and teachers engaged in literacy drive at Companyganj thana headquarters.

Organised by Companyganj thana administration, the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet. It was addressed, among others, by district Awami League Secretary and district officials.

The Speaker appreciated the district administration for taking up literacy drive in Sylhet sadar, Companyganj and Balaganj thanas. He advised them speed the programme in all thanas phasewise.

### Jagroto Companyganj

A report from Noakhali adds: The government has launched a total literacy movement in the name of "Jagroto Companyganj" to make Companyganj thana of Noakhali district free from illiteracy within nine months, State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said at Companyganj yesterday.

He was addressing a function organised on the occasion of literacy campaign at Mujib College premises. The State Minister urged all to make literacy drive a success.

Earlier, a colourful rally carrying posters on literacy led by the State Minister paraded different streets of the thana headquarters.

About 5000 volunteers including teachers, students, government officials and NGO workers took part in the rally.

Two thousands and five hundred volunteers are participating in the "Jagroto Companyganj," a government non-formal education project of Taka 1.30 crore. The project is intended to educate 65,000 illiterates of the thana belonging to the age group 11-45 years.

In his address, the State Minister hoped that the people of Companyganj would develop a new model of total literacy movement after Lalmonirhat, Chuadanga, Bhola, Rajshahi and Gopalganj.

The literacy campaign would be spread all over the country in phases, the State Minister added.

### Jamalpur

The Non-Formal Education Programme organised by Non-Formal Education Directorate is being implemented in the Islampur thana of Jamalpur district at a cost of TK 2 crore.

State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf officially inaugurated the programme at the Islampur Nekjan School auditorium on Saturday.

Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur, District Primary Education officer, district non-formal education officer and local educationists addressed the inaugural function. TNO of Islampur thana presided.

Addressing the function, the State Minister said that the government would ensure education for all by the year 2005.

He called upon all irrespective of party affiliation to work unitedly to root out the curse of illiteracy from the society with a view to establishing a prosperous and happy new Bangladesh, said an official handout.