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## Literacy rate rises by 12 pc in 4 yrs: Khaleda

BOGRA, Sept. 26: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today called upon the affluent section of the society to come forward in expanding the education, reports BSS.

She said the participation of the affluent in the expansion of education would help imparting education to the vast section of the population more easily.

The Prime Minister was addressing a ceremony awarding "Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Memorial Scholarship" at the Vocational Teachers' Training Institute auditorium.

Begum Zia said, "We have to come forward to complete the unfinished task of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman by carrying ahead the cause of education."

The Prime Minister distributed the scholarship for 1995 comprising cash, certificates and crests among 50 students who became successful in the HSC examination of 1994 in 16 dis-

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tricts of Rajshahi division.

Presided over by Tareque Rahman, Chairman of Shaheed Zia Smriti Brity the function was also addressed by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar and committee members of the parishad including Helaluzzaman, Talukdar MP, Tazmilar Rahman, Prof. U.R. Khurshid Banu and Advocate Anisur Rahman while adviser of the parishad Arasat Rahman was present.

Ministers, members of parliament, educationists and local elite attended the function.

The Prime Minister said the present government already achieved success in the field of education by following in the foot-steps of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

She said during the last four years the rate of literacy had increased by 12 per cent reaching 38 per cent from 26 per cent.

She said present government had given top-most priority to education and it was a matter of great happiness that different private initiatives were taken for the expansion of education in the country.

Speaking on the occasion Tareque Rahman said the Shaheed Zia Smriti Scholarship would be extended all over the country which is now given to successful students only, in the Rajshahi division.