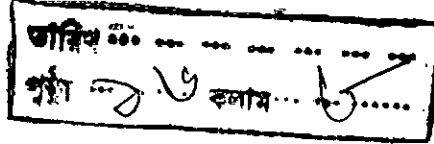


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Int'l Literacy Day today

The International Literacy Day will be observed today (Saturday) in the country as elsewhere in the world in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Different government and non-government organizations have chalked out an elaborate programme across the country in observance of the day aimed at creating awareness among the people for expansion of education.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Chief Advisor Justice Latifur Rahman, Awami League chief and immediate-past Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages on the eve of the day.

In the messages, the president and the chief advisor called upon the countrymen to come forward to make an illiteracy-free country to turn the huge population into human resources.

The programmes taken by the government include, seminars, symposiums, exhibition of slides, mass education fair, cultural functions and roadside dramas.

As part of the programmes, the department of non-formal education of the government will bring out a rally titled "Mass Education Rally" from the central Shaheed Minar premises today morning, a press release said on Friday.

Besides, Bangladesh 2000, a voluntary organization, will hold a roundtable discussion on "Importance to Stop Auto Promotion from Class- I to Class-III now being practised in the major Govt. Primary Schools in the country" at the conference room of the organization at 55-Suhrawardy Avenue in Dhaka at 11 a.m. today (Saturday).

On the occasion, Bangladesh Primary Teachers Cultural Team will hold a discussion at the Ideal Government Primary School at Segunbagicha in Dhaka at 4 p.m. today (Saturday).