

## Speakers say on Int'l Literacy Day

# Literacy—a must for every citizen and for national development

From Our Correspondent

CHANDIPUR, Sept. 11—The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) and Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) organised a discussion meeting at Puranbazar Primary School in observance of the International Literacy Day on September 9.

Prof Monohar Ali, Convenor CCC presided over the meeting among others, Dr. Md. AQ Ruhul Amin, Engineer Delwar Hossain, and Bulbul Haider Jamil spoke on the occasion.

The speakers urged upon all to educate all the children with moral values so that they can fight against all corruptions in future.

The speakers also requested the guardians of the under privileged children to send them to school to get rid of the course of illiteracy.

Besides, large quality of educational materials were also distributed among the children on the occasion.

### Patuakhali

Our Correspondent reports, "Literacy is for charming life" amidst this slogan the upazilla administration observed the International Literacy Day on September 9 at 10 am through rally and cultural function.

A rally was brought out under the leadership of Kalapara Upazilla Nirbahi Officer Ranajit Kumar and the rally ended at the upazilla parishad premises after parading the main roads of the town.

Similarly NGO CODEC and upazilla administration of Mirzaganj, Gokhripa and Dundi observed the International Literacy Day through rally, discussion meetings and cultural functions.

Here at Kalapara after rally, a discussion meeting and planning cultural function was held in the upazilla TTD Hall.

Md. Alamgir Hossain, Area Co-ordinator of CODEC succeed programme was in the chair.

The chief guest was Md. Oli Ahad, Secondary Education Officer and the special guests were

Upazilla Nirbahi Officer Mr. Ranajit Das, Upazilla Magistrate AKM Mamunur Rashid, Mr. Jaish Chandra Sheel, Education Officer incharge, former UP Chairman Abdul Malek Khan, Md. Abul Hossain, Headmaster of Monjal Shukh Govt Primary School, Journalist Md. Jasim Parvez and Shahidul Islam field co-ordinator of CDL.

The Literacy Day Observation function was addressed among others by Education Officer Md. Oli Ahad, Upazilla Magistrate AKM Mamunur Rashid, UP Chairman Abdul Malek Khan and teacher Asit Batan Sarker.

After discussion meeting cultural competition was held. Patriotic songs and dances were performed by 33 CTC and CLC groups from CODEC Cultural Squad, Codec Succeed programme, Mongai Sukh Govt Primary School and Rajendra Prasad Primary School participated in the competition.

The function having been over

the guests gave away the prizes among the winners.

### Jessore

Our Correspondent writes, The speakers at a function held here on the occasion of International Literacy Day compared the illiterate persons with blind ones.

A discussion meeting was held at the Conference Hall of Jessore Collectorate with Md. Zakir Hossain Howlader, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) as chief guest, Md. Mustafizur Rahman ADC, Education and Development was in the chair.

The speakers told that those who are not enlightened with education, are the mentally blind. Education is pre-requisite for the overall development and prosperity of a nation. Hence literacy is a must for the citizen of an independent country.

Prizes were distributed among the winners of an essay competi-

tion held earlier. Mehdi Hossain, Shuvomoy Saha and Profin Biswas, all of Jessore Zilla School secured First, Second and Third positions in the competition while Salma Sultana of Govt Girl's School, Jessore also jointly got the Third prize in secondary group.

In the college group of the essay competition, Sharmin Sultan of Jessore Govt Mahila College, Rashedul Islam of Jessore Govt. City College and Sauchita Sikdar of Dr. Abdur Razzak Municipal College were adjudged as first, second and third constants respectively.

A meeting was also held at Jessore Zilla School auditorium under the auspices of Education Development and Service (EDAS).

Prof. Amirul Alam Khan, Controller of Examinations, Jessore Education Board was the chief guest while AKM Shafayet Alam, District Primary Education Officer and Matiur Rahman, Asstt. Director, Non-formal Education Bureau were the special guests. Those who discussed in details included son Sirajul Haq, ASM Rafiuddin, Prof. Golam Mostafa, Sekhar Ranjan Saha and Shamim Ahmed. Similar meeting was held at Duttapara Primary School premises with Abdul Kader, Chairman, School Governing body in the chair.

Anwar Hossain, chairman, Deara Union Parishad was the chief guest. The speakers were Masudul Alam, Ismail Hossain and Abdul Jabbar, Headmaster of the school.

Earlier, a colourful rally paraded the main thoroughfares of the town with banners, festoons and placards depicting various slogans of the International Literacy Day. The ADC (General) inaugurated the rally.

Similar programmes were also held at all upazillas of the district with large attendances. Rallies, discussion meetings, cultural functions, essay competitions and painting competition were the highlights of those programmes.