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60 pc literacy rate by 5 yrs

Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed said in Dhaka yesterday that the Government would take up an extensive programme to increase the rate of literacy in the country to 60 per cent within the next five years, reports BSS.

The Leader of the House and Prime Minister was presiding over the special meeting of the Jatiya Party Parliamentary Party (JPPP), which is part of a lecture series on development issues initiated by the Jatiya Party. Yesterday's meeting, the fourth in the series, dwelt on education.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam presented the salient features of the education policy and programme of the government.

Mr. Moudud Ahmed said the rate of literacy has to be increased rapidly to increase production in the mills and factories.