

'Education is the vehicle of development'

Speakers at a seminar in Dhaka on marking the International Literacy Year called for removing the curse of illiteracy since education was the vehicle of development in the modern world, reports BSS.

Held under the aegis of the United Nations Association of Bangladesh, the seminar was addressed by education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam as the chief guest.

Presided over by Professor Innas Ali, the seminar was also addressed by Education Secretary A N M Eusuf, UNDP representative in Bangladesh Erling Dessaeau, Professor Neelima Ibrahim, Dr Muhammad Shahed and Secretary General of the UNAB Syed Ahmed Hossain.

The Education Minister said that the 'International Year of Literacy' carried immense significance for the world since one-fifth of world's total population were still illiterate.

Sheikh Shahidul Islam Described Education as the vehicle for allround development and said countries like Bangladesh were lagging behind in many folds because of low literacy rate. He called for creating awareness among the educated class of the society to spread the light of literacy to the areas still gripped in the darkness of illiteracy.

The Education Minister said that the government decision to make primary education compulsory and free education for the girls upto class eight outside Municipal areas would help eradicate illiteracy. He said the rate of literacy would have gone much up if such decision was taken immediately after independence of the country.

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