

Massive literacy drive in Pabna launched

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PABNA, July 26: "Pradipta Pabna", a campaign to increase literacy rate in the district, has been launched to make 7,50,659 people literate within a short span of nine months.

A total amount of taka 17 crores and 91 lakh has been earmarked for the implementation of the ambitious project.

Deputy commissioner of Pabna at a press conference formally launched the campaign recently.

He said five thanas of the district-- Sadar, Ishwardi, Sujanager, Bhangura and Faridpur-- and Pabna, Ishwardi and Faridpur municipality areas will come under the jurisdiction the campaign for implementation of literacy drive.

However, Sathia, Bera, At-

gharia and Chatmohar thanas and Sathia, Bera and Chatmohar municipality areas have been placed under NGOs, the deputy commissioner added.

The Deputy commissioner, Mahbubur Rahman, while giving details of the project, said that if the project implemented the district will have no illiterate men and women.

The DC said that a total of 1,40,910 persons, both male and female, are found illiterate in Pabna sadar thana and all of them will come under the drive. For this purpose, 4,697 centres have been inaugurated, he added.

Centres were also set up in other areas for the purpose. Under the gigantic project, a total

of 19,179 literacy centres with 1,304 blocks have been opened.

For each centre there will be one teacher and for each block there will be one block supervisor.

Classes in the centres will be held everyday. In the afternoon, women will be imparted education from 4 pm to 6 pm while men will be taught from 6-30 pm to 8-30 pm.

Men and women belonging to the age groups between 11 years and 45 years will be brought under this literacy programme.

A massive publicity drive is launched throughout the district for motivating the people to make this gigantic programme a success.