

Primary edn week begins

National Primary Education Week '97 began on Saturday with a call to create awareness among the people about the significance of primary education in national development, reports BSS.

Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof. Zinatun Nessa Talukder inaugurated the week by planting sapling at Motijheel Ideal Government Primary School premises in Dhaka on Saturday.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion the Deputy Minister said, the present government is committed to eradicate the curse of illiteracy from the country by 2005, she said, it has become the national responsibility of all to educate the general mass to turn them into

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human resources.

Zinatun Nessa Talukder said, it was pledged in the Constitution of 1972 to ensure education for all. Accordingly, she said, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman nationalised 36 thousand 165 primary schools in 1973 at a time and later constructed eleven thousand primary schools.

The Deputy Minister underscored the need for launching social movement to ensure primary education for all children.

Secretary of Primary and Mass Education Division Dr. Sadat Hussain and Director General of Primary Education Aziz Ahmed Chowdhury, among others, addressed.

As a part of the week a grand children rally will be held at Osmany Memorial Hall (Sunday) morning.

The concluding function of the week will be held on Wednesday next.

CHITTAGONG

Another report adds: National Primary Education Week began in Chittagong on Saturday with a call for creating awareness among the people about the importance of primary education for overall development and progress of the nation.

To mark the day, Directorate of Primary and Mass Education, Chittagong Division organised various programmes which included holding of rally, discussion and cultural function.

A big procession was brought out from Municipality Model High School premises and it passed through some important city roads. Led by Commissioner of Chittagong Division Mohammad Shakhawat Hossain, the rally was largely attended by Education Officers, teachers, students and guardians.