

## Education to turn people into effective workforce

CHUADANGA, Feb 4: Minister for Education, Science and Technology ASHK Sadeq said here Monday that education is a pre-requisite for turning our people into an effective workforce, reports BSS.

He said the present government had undertaken a broad-based education policy to wipe out illiteracy from society for the welfare of the people.

Keeping about 60 per cent of our total population illiterate the country cannot prosper and reach its desired goal for welfare of the people and the country he said.

The Education Minister was speaking at a meeting at Damurhuda Pilot Girls High School premises arranged by 'Alokito Chuadanga Samity' in connection with inauguration of non-formal education programme centre. The meeting was attended by teachers of different education centres, connected supervisors and local people.

Earlier the Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga and the President of Alokito Chuadanga Samity apprised the Minister of the non-formal education programme of the samity at its office.

A massive programme was undertaken by this samity in 1995 for imparting basic education to local people between the age group of eleven and 45. Besides they were also given knowledge on primary health care, environment and other basic needs.

During the first phase of the programme about fifty thousand people were given basic education through one thousand eightythree education centres in eight months in 1996. In the second phase nearly two

lakh people were imparted basic education through five thousand six hundred and twentytwo education centres.

Later the Minister visited some of the education centres and talked to the concerned people.