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Policy to raise literacy rate to be taken

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate message on the occasion of National Education Week which begins today Saturday, says UNB.

President Shahabuddin hoped the rate of literacy would be increased in the country by creating greater educational awareness among the people of all strata through the national Education Week.

"Education is the backbone of the nation", he said. "There is no alternative to education in making the entire population worthy citizens of the country. For this, it is necessary to expand both primary and higher education".

To achieve the target, the President said, a lot of programmes have been undertaken to develop higher education, flourish women education and making primary education compulsory.

The National Education Week would help achieve the target, he hoped.

Curse of illiteracy to be removed: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message, said: "Education is the fundamental right of every people... there is no alternative to well-educated human resources for a planned national development".

She added: "An educated nation means a developed nation. We want a strong and well-educated nation free from the curse of illiteracy. The educated class will have to play the pioneering role to achieve this target".

The Prime Minister stressed the need for strengthening the concerted efforts to materialise this year's theme of the National Education Week—Development of Women Education.

She called upon all, including women and voluntary organisations, teachers and guardians, to come forward side by side with the government initiatives for the development of education.