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## Women urged to make literacy drive a success

Vice-President Moudud Ahmed on Tuesday called upon the womenfolk to put in their sincere efforts in making the government's literacy drive a success, reports BSS.

The Vice-President was inaugurating a silver jubilee function, organised by the University Women Federation College at Dhanmondi residential area in Dhaka.

Women Affairs Minister Syeda Razia Faiz was the special guest. Presided over by the chairman of the governing body of the college, Mr. Nazrul Islam Siddiqui, the function was also addressed by the principal of the college, Mrs. Nargis Khan and Vice Principal Rashida Hossain.

Mr. Moudud said, women as the integral part of the nation had a great role in promoting socio-economic development and education. He said the government had set the target of increasing literacy rate from 29 per cent to 50 per cent by the end of Fourth Five Year Plan. Since the independence of the country, the literacy rate had increased from 14 per cent in 1972 to 29 per cent in 1990.

The Vice-President said compulsory primary education will begin from 1st January next year. Adequate school housing infrastructure and teachers will be arranged to make the programme a success.