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Decision on primary education hailed

DHAKA, Jan 2 (BSS): Leaders of different teachers' associations on Monday congratulated President Ershad, who is also Chairman of Bangladesh Shikkhak Samity, Federation, for making primary education compulsory in the country and free female education upto class eight in the institutions outside the municipal areas.

In a joint statement they described the announcement to this effect by the President as "historic and epoch making". President Ershad made the announcement on Monday while inaugurating the International Literacy Year — 1980.

The signatories to the statement include Principal A K M Shahidullah, President of Bangladesh College Teachers Association and Secretary-General of Bangladesh Teachers Federation, Kazi Faruq Ahmed, Secretary-General of Bangladesh College Teachers Association and Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Teachers Federation, Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed and Mr. Mohammad Shahidur Rahman, President and Secretary General respectively of Bangladesh Sarkari Madhyamik Shikkhak Samity, Principal Jahanara Begum, and Prof. A K M Ali Reza, President and Secretary-General of Bangladesh Sarkari College Samity, Sheikh Amanullah and Mr Aziul Huq Shah, President and Secretary-General of Bangladesh Shikkhak Samity, Acting President and Acting Secretary-General of Jamiatul Mudaresin, Moulana Mohammadullah and Moulana Mohammad Ibrahim.