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Pathakali gets UNESCO prize

GENEVA, Sept 10 (BSS) : Pathakali Trust was the recipient of honourable mention for the King Sejong Literacy Prize awarded by UNESCO on September 8 the closing day of the 42nd session of the International Conference on Education, here.

The award was given for the Pathakali's pioneering programmes to extend basic minimum education to the educationally disadvantaged and socio-economically distressed school-age working children, aged 5 to 14, known as Pathakalis.

The award comprised of a certificate and a medal which was received on behalf of the Pathakali Trust by Tozammel Huq, Ambassador of Bangladesh to France and Permanent Delegate

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to UNESCO.

Director-General of UNESCO presented the prizes in a simple and dignified ceremony during the International Literacy Day celebration held on the day at the International Conference Centre here and coincided with the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the International Literacy Day 1990 is the designated international year of literacy.

The ceremony for the prizes was also attended by Additional Foreign Secretary, Mr Reaz Rahman, Ambassador Harun-ur-Rashid and officers of the Geneva mission.