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President discusses restructuring with VCs

# Education system to be in conformity with needs

DHAKA, Jan. 6 (BSS): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today stressed restructuring the education system keeping in conformity with the need and requirement of the society.

Making his remarks at the monthly meeting with the Vice-Chancellors, the President said that the Government was determined to take necessary steps in this regard.

President Ershad, who is also the Chancellor of the Universities, gave the directive to adopt appropriate policy decisions regarding kindergarten education in the country. He also called for implementation of the decisions regarding tea-

ching of English as second language and the religious teaching.

The President directed the Education Ministry to examine the entire aspect of language teaching other than the vernacular at different stages of education and adopt a policy in this regard keeping in consonance with the culture and tradition of the country.

He stressed the need for introducing a rational and uni-

form policy regarding the holiday to be followed by all the universities of the country.

President Ershad also gave the directive to modernise the record keeping and filing system of the universities.

Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof. Syed Ali Ahsan briefed the meeting on the progress regarding the updating of the University Ordinance.

Earlier, initiating the discussion Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam felicitated the President for the decision of making the primary education compulsory and free female education upto Class VIII in the rural school.

Describing the step as revolutionary, the Education Minister said this would go a long way in the socio-economic transformation of the country.

Both President Ershad and Education Minister expressed their profound thanks to the out-going Education Secretary, Hedayet Ahmed for the sincere and dedicated service during his tenure with the Ministry of Education.

The meeting held at the International Conference Centre was also attended by State Minister for Education Mansur Ali Sarkar, Principal Secretary to the President, A H Sadique, Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed and other senior officials.