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Class III, IV employees to get NPS

## 10 p.c. DA, Benevolent Fund for teachers

President Hussain - Muhanimad Ershad on Wednesday announced 10 per cent dearness allowance for the non-government school, college and madrasa teachers, with effect from July 1, next, reports BSS.

A National Teachers Benevolent Fund would also be created from July 1 and the Class Three and Four employees of the non-government schools, colleges and madrasas would be brought under the National Pay Scale, he told the fourth national teachers grand conference at Bijoy Sarani in Dhaka organised by the Bangladesh Shikhhak Samity Federation.

President Ershad, who is also the Chairman of the Shikhhak Samity Federation, said the teachers of government colleges, schools and madrasas would also get the same financial benefit as the government employees as announced earlier.

Deputy Prime Minister and Political Adviser to the President Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam and Federation leaders—Sheikh Amanullah, Principal A.K.M. Shahidullah, Moulana Mohammadullah, Prof. Asadul Huq, Prof. A.K.M. Ali Reza and Kazi Faruq Ahmed—also spoke at the function.

President Ershad declared that the Government grants given as salary support and allowances to the non-government teachers would be provided regularly on monthly basis from July 1, next.

He said steps would be taken to create posts and regularise the services of the teachers in the newly nationalised colleges as per recommendations made by Anam Committee.

The President said he had accepted

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in principle the demand of the teachers regarding the effective services in nationalised educational institutions. He directed the Ministries of Education, Finance, and Establishment to sort out this problem of the teachers immediately.

The President read out a self-composed poem dedicated to the teachers which drew thunderous applause from the vast audience. He said the teachers were the candles who enlightened the society.

Deputy Prime Minister Prof. M.A. Matin, Ministers, diplomats and high officials were present at the function.

**Kazi Zafar**

Deputy Prime Minister and Political Adviser to the President Kazi Zafar Ahmed on Wednesday described the teachers community as a social force and social leaders and urged them to come forward in building a decent Bangladesh free from hunger, illiteracy and ignorance.

**Sheikh Shahid**

Speaking in the conference Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam on Wednesday called upon the teachers to wage a social movement to turn the educational institutions into ideal centres of learning.