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## Education system must be attractive: Badruddoza

Deputy Leader of Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury on Wednesday called for evolving an education curriculum that would suggest measures for poverty alleviation and help generate income for the poor masses to raise their standard of living, reports BSS.

"We must adopt a curriculum that would solve the problems of the poor people living in rural Bangladesh," Prof Chowdhury said while speaking as the chief guest at a function marking the International Literacy Day at the UNIC auditorium in Dhaka on Wednesday afternoon.

Organised jointly by the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh (NAUCB) and the Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO and UNIC, the func-

tion was chaired by Mr SM Saifuddin, Secretary, Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO.

Prof Chowdhury said the education system must be attractive to the children to check their drop-outs without which the campaign for mass-literacy would be a failure.

He called for mobilising people from all strata of life including politicians, bureaucrats, social workers, NGOs and students to make the mass-education programme a grand success.

Prof Chowdhury said the system must cater to the needs of the people so that they could enjoy a better and healthy life in the society.

Prof Muhammad Shahjahan, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and Ms Sophie De Caen, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP, attended the function as special guests. Prof Muhammad Muniruzzaman of Dhaka University and Mr Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, Secretary-General of NAUCB also spoke.

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury emphasised the need for female education saying "A mother will never allow her children to remain illiterate".

In this connection he said that the present government had already given emphasis on female education so that they could contribute their mite to the national development alongwith their male counterparts.

Prof Muhammad Shahjahan called for taking a massive plan with a time-frame to make the mass literacy programme a success. He suggested that summer vacations in all the educational institutions should be harmonised and utilised for the mass literacy programme.