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Eradication of illiteracy

Pry teachers have prime role : PM

DHAKA, June 8 (BSS) : Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed today said primary teachers were to play the prime role in augmenting the rate of literacy in the country.

He said this would ultimately help ensure the overall development of the country.

The Prime Minister was addressing a rally of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association at Meerpur here. Adviser to the President on Compulsory Primary Education Mansur Ali Sarkar and Chairman of the Association Prof Abul Kalam Azad also spoke on the occasion.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed, who is in-charge of the Ministry of Education, said the government of President Ershad was determined to ensure primary education for children of school going age.

The Prime Minister said, it was President Ershad who had taken a number of measures to uphold the prestige and dignity of the teaching community.

He said, "it is now your turn to reciprocate". He called upon the primary teachers to devote whole-heartedly to eradicate the curse of

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illiteracy from the society.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said in one hand the population boom had to be checked and the existing population on the other hand had to be transformed into meaningful human resource. It is possible only through spreading education, he added.

The Prime Minister said the country would enter into a new era from the first of January 1991 with a vigorous endeavour to reach the fruits of compulsory primary education to the door steps of all.

Adviser to the President Mansur Ali Sarkar said the government of President Ershad was attaching the highest priority to Education because education could alone solve a lot of social and national

problems.

Prof. Abul Kalam Azad on behalf of the primary teachers of the country pledged to render whole-hearted cooperation to the government's programme to ensure primary education for all.