

## UNICEF Assistance For Education

Development of a country depends on how well its people are advanced in education. This truism has inspired the programme to eradicate the curse of illiteracy from the soil of Bangladesh. A massive anti-illiteracy campaign is gaining momentum everywhere. The signing of an agreement for a 4.8 million US dollar programme of assistance between the government of Bangladesh and UNICEF will be a great help in eliminating illiteracy from the land.

Briefly, the UNICEF assistance falls within its master plan of operation for the period 1980-82. Under the programme, the areas of activities reportedly include curriculum development, teachers' training, basic supplies, text book production, non-formal education materials, and improvement of supervision and management.

Removal of illiteracy will enable the nation to march ahead in keeping with the advancement of time. Yet the truth remains that all-round national progress and prosperity can be achieved when our human resources are converted into a productive force in the real sense. Hence the need for expediting introduction of vocational education and training in all academic institutions, both primary and secondary, of the country. This will invariably be a boon to the children belonging to the poor and low-income group families who, due to financial constraints, give up schooling to take a vocation to supplement their family income. For this education and training will equip them with the knowledge and skill that will enable them not only to find a good living but also to master the dimension of their work.