

Govt doing its best to remove illiteracy by year 2000

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar on Tuesday said that the Government was making every effort to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000 a.d., reports BSS.

Addressing as chief guest at a seminar organised by the Bangladesh National Commission for the UNESCO in Dhaka observance of the 47th anniversary of the United Nations day, he said, illiteracy remained a curse for the nation and different programmes like the mass literacy campaign and compulsory primary education were meant to attain the objective.

The minister said problems like removal of poverty and illiteracy were priority areas for the United Nations to secure a happy and healthy world and said Bangladesh with the cooperation of the world body agencies had embarked upon many a programme to eradicate illiteracy from the country.

Presided over by education Secretary Shafiul Alam, the seminar was addressed among others by Chairman of the University Grants Commission Professor Shamsul Huq, Dr. Ershadul Huq of Dhaka University and Journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury.

The Education Minister gave a detailed account of the emergence and evolution of the United Nations and its functioning and said the world body's achievements were a great job despite the fact that noble principles of the U.N. still remained unfulfilled.

He referred to Bangladesh's role in the United Nations and said the very fact that Dhaka was elected a member of the security Council in 1978 during the time of late President Ziaur Rahman was a testimony of the respect it enjoyed in the community of nations.

Mr. Shamsul Huq said the

world remained afflicted by tensions and conflicts today although progress had been made towards attaining peace and added that only a world Government where unanimous peace would prevail, could secure a happy globe.

Mr. Shafiul Alam said failures of the world body was also remarkable but the achievements were great since they were done in a difficult world.

Dr. Ershadul Huq said in a world given by conflicts, the world body symbolised hopes and aspirations of the people even though securing peace remained a long way.