

Khaleda signs Delhi Declaration

Government firm to ensure 'Education for all'

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, on Saturday signed the "Delhi Declaration" on education for all, on behalf of Bangladesh reiterating the country's firm resolve and commitment to ensure education for all, reports BSS.

Witnessed by Ministers, MPs, educationists, senior government officials, diplomats and representatives of various professions the Prime Minister put her signature on the declaration, unanimously adopted by nine populous countries of the world in the Indian capital of Delhi in December 1993.

The leaders expressed their firm resolve to ensure education for all and implement the resolutions adopted in the World Conference on Children in the nine-nation Delhi conference grouping Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Officials said, 72 per cent of

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the world's total illiterates live in these nine countries. The Prime Minister said through her signature in the declaration Bangladesh had reiterated its pledge to ensure the people's basic right of education. "We shall certainly be able to rid the nation of the curse of illiteracy inshallah if all of us work collectively," Begum Zia said.

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Ahmed and Joint Secretary of the Division A.K.M. Anisur Rahman. The Prime Minister said that ensuring education for all was a formidable challenge but

same platform together, irrespective of party, opinion, profession and position, to reach the light of education to all," she said.

The present government, Begum Zia said, had taken appropriate steps to ensure education for all and socio-economic development with a view to fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the people. Referring to the number of programmes taken by her government including the compulsory primary education, food for education, development of both government and non-government schools, appointment of new teachers of the schools and introduction of 200 satellite schools in remote areas the Prime Minister said that the government had given highest budgetary allocation for the education sector.

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