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## NGOs working for literacy will hold rally Sept 8

Different non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working for literacy will hold a joint rally on September 8 under the banner "Sammilita Sakharata Avijhan" on the occasion of World Literacy Day, reports BSS.

Announcing this at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka Tuesday convenor of the avijhan Dr. A.M. Sharafuddin said that over 30 members of NGOs working for literacy would participate in the rally. It would start at 8 a.m. from in front of the National Museum and end at the Central Shahed Minar.

He said the aim of the rally and the Sammilita Avijhan was to create public awareness about literacy.

Dr. Sharafuddin who is also the Director of a literacy NGO "Gano Sakharata Avijhan" called for improvement of standard of primary education in the country.

He said due to weakness of instructional procedures, infrastructural inadequacies and lack of adequate trained teachers primary education in Bangladesh was substandard.

He suggested setting up more primary schools, increase of number of primary teachers, making adequate arrangement for training of primary teachers and adopting modern educational techniques which would help improvement of standard of education and generate creativeness in the minds of the children.

He said the teaching hours in the primary level in Bangladesh was the lowest in the region which was 476 to 770 per year. This was 1200 hours in India, 1600 hours in China and more in other countries; he added.

Executives of different NGOs working for literacy were present at the press conference.