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Call to make compulsory primary edn a success

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar on Wednesday stressed the need for co-ordinated efforts of all concerned in the compulsory primary education and mass literacy programmes, to make the education for all by 2000 a success, reports BSS.

"Non-government organisations, public representatives, political forces, unemployed educated youths and the people as a whole should render their all-out cooperation towards government's programmes making it a coordinated approach to achieve the desired goal," he said.

The Education Minister, as the chief guest, was taking part in a discussion at the United Nation's Information Centre auditorium in Dhaka. State Minister for Education Principal Eunus Khan, Deputy Resident Representative of the UNDP Mr Winston Temple and Education Secretary Shafiqul Alam also spoke on the occasion.

The UNIC in Dhaka and Dhaka Ahsania Mission jointly organised the discussion in connection with the observance of the International Literacy Day.

Chairman of Swadhin Bhar Bangladesh S.M. Al-Hussaini presided over the function.

which was also addressed by the mission's Executive Director Kazi Rafiqul Alam and Rector of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers' Training College Dr Khan Md. Sirajul Islam.

Referring to lack of coordination between government programme and that of the NGOs and other voluntary organisations, the Education Minister said progress in literacy would have been made in a greater degree if there was a united and coordinated approach in this field.