

## National Teachers Day today

National Teachers' Day will be observed in the country today (Sunday) for the first time, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia announced January 19 as the teachers' day last year.

In a message on the eve of the day, President Prof Iajuddin Ahmed today laid emphasis on increasing overall dignity of the teachers in the society for improving the standard of country's education.

He said the role of education and qualified teacher is very important in building an ideal society as well as the nation.

He hoped that the teachers would play their due role in building enlightened human resources and a democratic society, and wished overall success of the day.

To mark the day, the Education Ministry has taken up elaborate programmes at upazila, district and national levels.

The programmes include holding seminar, discussion and reception for the elderly and reputed teachers.

President Prof Iajuddin Ahmed will be the chief guest in the inaugural ceremony of the day in Dhaka and distribute awards of National Education Week-2003 and National Education Day Honorary Award-2003.

Education Minister Dr M Osman Farooque, State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq Milon and Deputy Minister M Abdus Salam Pintu will attend it as special guests. Education Secretary M Shahidul Alam will preside over the function.

Newspapers will publish special supplements while Bangladesh Television broadcast special programmes on the occasion.