

## Mass literacy programme to be reintroduced

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The Government is going to reintroduce the mass literacy programme after a gap of one and a half years, it is learnt.

The programme remained suspended during the period as many of the projects under it appeared to have failed to meet targets wastages absence

of evaluation corruption and lack of efforts to make the programme effective etc.

The programme was initiated by late President Ziaur Rahman in February, 1980. A committee headed by Mr. Ferdouse Khan former Additional Secretary Ministry of Education that evaluated the programme had found that the drive did not achieve targets as it was based more on emotional campaign rather than on appropriate methodology it could not generate interest among the illiterates who were the targets.

The programme also failed to evoke adequate participation of literate people, particularly the primary teachers. There was

also absence of follow-up activities to keep neo-literates keep up their reading habits.

The evaluation committee suggested that the programme could have been more effective if proper care was taken of the methodological weakness.