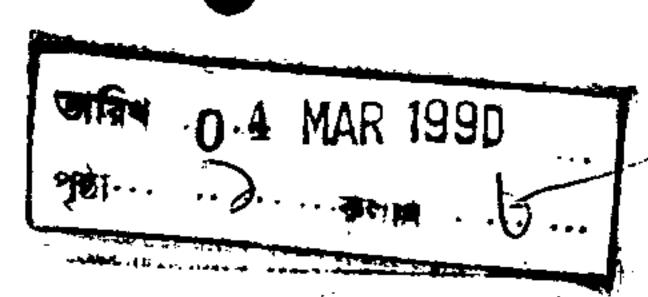
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Pathakali concept commended

DHAKA, Mar's (BSS): The visiting Director General of the UNESCO, Dr Federico Mayor Zaragoza called on President Hussain Muhammad Ershad at the President's Secretariat here this afternoon. Ties in the country

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Education Sec retary A.N.M. Eusuf, Direc. tor of the Principal Regional Office of UNESCO for Asia and Pacific Hedayet Ahmed and senior officer in the UNE-SCO Headquarters in Paris 8. Okajima were present.

During the meeting, the UN-ESCO Director General showed * keen interest in the development of science and technology in Bangladesh and offered UN-ESCO assistance for carrying studies on green house. effect in coastal areas, coastal management and storm predictions in the country,

He also assured his organisation's support to Bangladesh in the areas of UNESCO's com Contd. on page 8 col. 6

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Mr. Zaragoza commended the move taken by the Government of President Ershad to make primary education compulsory. and education of girl students Yupto class eight free in the the manifestation of the political will of the Government to remove the curse of illiteracy from the country.

He was also appreciative of the move for setting up, the Pathakali Trust at the initiative of President Ershad and said this example of imparting education aid vocational training. to those children who had to work for their living, was worth following by other counties.

. The UNESCO Director Gene ral presented three medals and assured UNESCO's continu ed support to Bangladesh for preservation of historical monu ments and heritage of the coun...

try. He also invited President Ershad to visit UNESCO Head. quarters in Paris at a suitable time and the President accept ed the invitation.

President Ershad told the UNESCO Director General about the enthusiasm generat red by the Pathakali Trust

among the members of the public which was evidenced from contributions of Taka 25 million by them.

He said he had already announ ced the decision that the responsibility of primary education to all children born on and after February 21 /would be taken by the state.

The President invited the UNESCO Director General to visit Bangladesh again at a suitable time, if possible at the time of the formal inauguration of Shahjalal University of rural areas and said this was. Science and Technology sometime in the later part of 1990.