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Prime task education: President

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday (Saturday) called upon all to extend their all out cooperation to the government to ensure education for all by the year 2000, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a national conference organised by Bangladesh Literacy Society marking its 16th foundation ceremony at the Institution of Engineers in Dhaka, the President said that the prime responsibility before the nation at the moment was to spread the light of

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education to the vast majority of unlettered people through massive literacy drives.

Presided over by the chairman of the society, Dr Khondakar Bazlul Huq, the conference was addressed among others by the Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoja Chowdhury, Education Minister Jamir Uddin Sircar, UNICEF representative in Dhaka Cole P Dodge, the UNDP representative Winston Temple, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Prof Shamsul Huq and Secretary General of the samity Prof Mohammad Osman Gani.

The President identified illiteracy as one of the major problems being faced by the nation and said the prevailing population explosion, poverty, diseases and backwardness in the society were the result of the curse of illiteracy.

He pointed out that education was the pre-condition of democracy since it created the awareness among the people about the society.

Explaining the importance of education, the President said all must put in concerted efforts to expand the education facilities and make the literacy for all programme a success.

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