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## Majeed outlines new educational policy

PARIS, Nov. 3.—Education Minister Dr. A. Majeed Khan met Bangladeshi students and overseas community here on October 31 and discussed national educational development and decentralisation of administration reports BSS.

Dr. Khan outlined the new educational policy as to expand educational opportunity at all levels from primary to university education. The present plan seeks to ensure minimum 5-year education among 50 per cent of 11-year age group by 1987.

In the meantime all primary schools will be built up as centres of learning and development of their respective communities.

The objectives of educational development are to (a) raise

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the level of education (b) fill up jobs that are being created by increased economic, educational and cultural activities and (c) to generate additional employment opportunities through innovation, adaptation and fabrication in industrial, mechanical and management field.

Dr. Khan explained that the new applied and technical basis of education would encourage curiosity in the child and creativity in the whole society. Drawing reference to historical development of society Dr. Khan said most societies had been traditional until the beginning of the application of science and the development of technology.

Dr. Khan said that now a lot of employment opportunities have been created by decentralisation of administration, rationalisation of education. There is also greater opportunities now for self employment and entrepreneurship in semi-skilled industries, specially in the rural area, he said.