

Edn sector gets highest allocation of Tk 21,367 cr

The education sector has got highest allocation of Taka 21,367 crore in the proposed budget for the fiscal 2009-10, reports BSS.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith in his budget speech today said the allocation is 14 percent higher than the revised budget of 2008-09.

Taking into consideration the report of Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission, he said an expert committee has been constituted for formulating an education policy to ensure quality education in

which numerous researches will be carried. The policy will be effect very soon, he hoped.

Terming the education as one of the fundamental human rights, the finance minister said it is a social capital and proper fostering of human capital and integrating it with development activities would generate momentum for overall national development leading to the accelerate poverty alleviation programmes.

The new programmes of the present government in

the education sector include free education in phases up to the graduation level, continuation of stipends for female students, introduction of stipends for male students, reduction of backlog of sessions, modernisation of madrasa education, enhancement of science-related studies and research work.

The government has fixed a target for ensuring 100 percent enrollment at primary school level by 2010, and 100 percent grant for registered

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and primary community school teachers in deserving cases side by side with free distribution of books, school construction and providing stipends to students.

Muhith was critical of the spending of huge resources in the past for building physical infrastructures of educational institutions saying no positive outcome yielded for development of quality education.

The government is committed to ensuring regional parity in education by establishing standard educational institutions according to needs.

The government has also a plan to establish one university each in Barisal, Rangamati and Gopalganj. In response to increasing the demand for diversified and improved quality of higher education and proper management of universities, the government has been preparing Private University Act, 2009.