

## Academic wastage

Students get — 'actual learning' for 14 months during the 48-month academic period from class nine to the HSC level, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Majeed Khan said in Dacca on Thursday reports ENA.

Quoting a study by his Ministry, the Education Minister said this wastage of academic days is due to different vacations, post-exam wait for admission to higher class and holidays for test and pre-test examinations.

Dr. Majeed was speaking at a certificate award ceremony of the training-cum-seminar on 'educational statistics' at Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS) in Dacca.

Dr. Majeed Khan emphasised the need for bringing about a change in the present system of the SSC and The HSC Examinations. He questioned: 'why do we still have the SSC examination system as it exists today?' and said the whole world has changed but 'why have we not changed?'

Describing the training on educational statistics as 'useful' the Minister stressed the need for developing a sound and accurate data base for planning management and effective administration of plans and programmes in the education sector.

Dr. Majeed Khan said he will introduce computer system in his Ministry to monitor and retrieve data and information needed for proper

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implementation of educational programmes. He said: I am alarmed to think that we don't still have computerised data monitoring system.

The said computer technology is now 'cheaper' and it is being widely used by even individuals for planning day-to-day programmes. Computers help regulate programmes, he added.

The Minister called for applying simplified computerised information mechanism to get the feed back of the progress in implementation of programmes.