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## Times Govt plans to set up 2 affiliated universities 6 NOV

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Education Minister Barrister Anisul Islam Mahmud Friday disclosed that the Government was considering setting up of two affiliated universities in the northern and southern regions of the country to ease pressure on the already established universities and to avoid session jam. Setting up of an open university was also under active consideration of the Government, he added.

Inaugurating a two-day national conference of the BCS General Education Cadres Association at the Teachers Training College auditorium the Education Minister, who is also in charge of the Ministry of Flood Control, Irrigation and Water Resources said, the Government had given top priority to the education sector and had increased allocation four times for the purpose during the last six years. The present allocation to the education sector was nearly 1,200 crore Taka which was only 304 crore Taka six years ago.

But he regretted, the return from the sector was not at all

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encouraging Education, peace and tranquility in educational institutions were now forlorn words. The standard of education had deteriorated alarmingly, he said.

Referring to students politics the Minister said, "I believe in students politics. But it should not be detrimental to academic atmosphere". What was now happening in the name of politics in different educational institutions including Rajshahi University, could not be termed politics. He expressed concern over the receipt happening at the degree examinations centre in Narayanganj. He urged the teachers community to rise above petty interest and help restore academic atmosphere in the educational institutions.

Chaired by the president of the association Rashida Begum the inaugural function was addressed by the Education Secretary Hidayet Ahmed, Director General of Secondary and Higher Education Directorate Dr A.H.M. Karim and General Secretary of the association Nazrul Islam Majumder.

Dr Mohammad Anwarul Aziz presented the key-note paper, "educational atmosphere: government college" in the second session of the opening day's programme. Chairman, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board Abdur Rashid Chowdhury presided.