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## 1500 unions to be brought under Food-for Edn Plan

SYLHET, Mar 12: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has said 1500 unions of the country will be brought under food for education programme of the government this year, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest at a meeting organised at the Sylhet Sanskrit College by Sylhet Ayurvedik and Unani College yesterday.

The Finance Minister termed the food for education programme as an excellent step towards expansion of education

and poverty alleviation and observed that the programme had generated tremendous enthusiasm in the rural areas.

He said 80 per cent of the school going children of rural areas covered by the programme are now attending their classes and the dropout rate has also fallen to mere 10 per cent in those areas.

Appreciating the Ayurvedik and Unani method of treatment, Mr Rahman said modern medical sciences are now gradually recognising the ancient system of treatment. He laid emphasis on more in depth research for the development of Unani and Ayurvedic Science.

Later, the Minister distributed delivery order of wheat under test relief programme to 60 mosques and temples of Jaintapur and Gainghat under the district at a function at the Sylhet Zila Parishad auditorium on the same day.

Khandaker Abdul Malik MP, Begum Petenia Chowdhury MP, organising Secretary of BNP Abul Haris Chowdhury and BNP leaders Abdul Haq and Arif Ahmed accompanied the Minister.

Earlier, Mr Rahman enjoyed a cultural show organised by Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha at Sylhet.