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Universal free primary education by 1985

NANDAIL (Mymensingh) Sept 2: State Minister for Education Mr Abdul Baten has said that the Government is

determined to establish one free primary school in each of the 68,000 villages of the country by the current Five-Year Plan to expedite education and socio-economic development in the rural areas, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing a function on Monday evening at the Nandail Shahid Smriti Adarsha College premises, organised by the inhabitants of Nandail thana in honour of the newly elected members of the Dacca University Senate (registered) graduate representatives.

Mr Baten said Shahid President Zia wanted to bring education within the reach of the rural people. As per his instructions, universal free primary education would be ensured by 1985, he added. He said with the active cooperation of the World Bank, the process of universal free primary education had already been started.

Presided over by Mr Mebahuddin Ahmed, principal of the college, the function was addressed, among others by the Senate members Mr Khurram Khan Chowdhury MP, Mr Anwar Hossain Khan Chowdhury, Mr A K M Shahidullah, Mr A F M Khalilur Rahman Principal Mrs Zahanara Begum, Mr Ali Reza and Mr Abul Mannan Dr Hafizuddin Director Public Instruction, Mr Nazmul Huda District Development Coordinator of Mymensingh and Mr M A Aziz Principal Mymensingh A M College.

Speaking on the occasion Mr Anwar Hossain Khan Chowdhury said it was the joint responsibility of the guardians, teachers and the students to maintain smooth academic atmosphere in the educational

campus. He urged all sections to discharge their duties sincerely for raising the educational standard in the country.

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An earlier report adds: Mr Abdul Baten State Minister for Education has called upon the people to elect the Acting President Justice Abdus Sattar in the forthcoming Presidential election to continue the process of development in the country.

The State Minister was addressing meetings at different places in the district recently. He said that the nomination of Acting President Justice Sattar by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party for the Presidential poll manifested the aspirations of the people.

Mr Baten expressed the hope that the unfinished tasks of the late leader Ziaur Rahman would be materialised with the help of people.