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## Pry education for 50 pc of 11-year age group by '87

PARIS, Nov. 2: Education Minister Dr. A. Majeed Khan met Bangladeshi students and overseas community here on Monday and discussed national educational development and decentralisation of administration, reports BSS.

Outlining the new educational policy as to envisage educational opportunity at all levels from primary to university, Dr. Khan said the present plan sought to ensure minimum five-year education among 50 per cent of 11-year age group by 1987.

In the meantime all primary schools would be built up as centres of learning and development of their respective communities, he added.

He said, the objectives of educational development were to (a) raise the level of education, (b) fill up jobs that were being created by increased economic

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educational and cultural activities and (c) to generate additional employment opportunities through innovation, adaptation and fabrication in industrial, mechanical and management field.

Dr. Khan explained that the new applied and technical basis of education would encourage curiosity among the children and creativity in the whole society.

Drawing reference to historical development of society Dr. Khan said most societies had been traditional until the beginning of the application of science and the development of technology.

Dr. Khan said that now a lot of employment opportunities have been created by decentralisation of administration and rationalisation of education. There were also greater opportunities now for self-employment and entrepreneurship in semi-skilled industries, specially in the rural areas, he said.

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