

## **Sircar wants to make education pragmatic**

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar has laid emphasis on modernisation of curriculum and text books for making education a pragmatic one, reports BSS.

The Education Minister was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of a two-day national workshop on "needs for basic education of the children and increasing success in learning" held in Dhaka Monday. Jointly organised by National Curriculum and Text Book Board (NCTB) and Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU), the function was addressed by Education Secretary Mr Shafiul Alam, Acting Chairman of

NCTB Prof Ali Azam presided.

The Education Minister said habit of listening and speaking should be built up among the students for making teaching method effective and attractive. He said, any difficult subject can be easily absorbed in mind through listening. He opined that capacity of expression is an integral part of learning and education. He also urged the educationists and experts to think about the inclusion of verbal test in the examinations at primary and secondary levels for making it pragmatic and practical one.

Speaking as special guest Education Secretary, Mr Shafiul Alam said, the present teaching method is based on reading and writing and there is no scope of increasing expression capacity of the students. He stressed on changes in the curriculum at primary and secondary levels.

Ali Azam informed that the National Curriculum and Text Book Board has already completed edition and development works of text books from class one to class four and undertaken the same works of text books of class five.