

Education key to progress

Mass edn, pre-condition of country's socio-economic dev

NARSINGHDI, Dec. 27: State Minister for Planning Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khans said here Sunday that the pre-condition for socio-economic development of a country was to educate its entire population, reports BSS.

Speaking at the freshers reception of Narsinghdi Government College, he said the nationalist government had been making endeavours to achieve this goal by changing the country's infrastructure.

Dr. Khan said education is the key to take the country on the road to progress and prosperity. Realising the importance of education in national development, the government has been giving highest budgetary allocation to the education sector since the last three years. It is a matter of optimism that the rate of literacy in our country has now increased to 35 percent.

Expressing the hope that the people of this country would be

freed from the curse of poverty in foreseeable future, Dr. Khan said 20 percent of the development budget has been earmarked for the alleviation of poverty at the lowest level.

He laid stress on a new political process for the establishment of the rule of law. The government would place the guideline of the national planning before the people to ensure their participation in the future planning, he said.

The State Minister for Planning urged the students to maintain congenial atmosphere for education at any cost.