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'Primary school in every village by 2013'

Computer education compulsory at HSC level by 2013 and primary level by 2020

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Commerce Minister Lt Col (Retd) Faruk Khan yesterday said the government will set

up a primary school in every village and computer education to be made compulsory at HSC level by 2013.

The minister said the computer education would also be made compulsory at primary level by 2020.

He said this while he was speaking as the chief guest at the concluding ceremony of the silver jubilee celebration of ActionAid Bangladesh at the National Museum auditorium in the city.

"By 2013 the government will set up a primary school in every village of the country where government will provide tiffin for the students and the government will make education free up to graduation level" he said.

Terming the government as women-friendly, he said the government has decided to amend the constitution for creating two posts of deputy speakers one of whom would be a woman. "The prime minister is already looking for a woman who could be made speaker," he added.

Speaking as the special

guest freedom fighter Taramon Bibi Bir Pratik said the dreams of the freedom fighters are yet to be fulfilled for what they took up arms in 1971.

Taramon urged the government and the non-government organisations to look after the people of the remote areas. She said we have to ensure that children in the poverty-prone areas do not drop out of the schools as education is the only way to free them from poverty.

Grassroots leader Saleha Begum in her speech as the special guest urged the government to eliminate poverty, dowry system, violence against women, child marriage and establish women's rights.

Saleha of Char Montaj of Galachipa under Patuakhali district also urged the government to set up a primary school in her area and a cyclone shelter.

Barrister Abdul Wadud also spoke at the concluding session with ActionAid Country Director Farah Kabir in the chair.