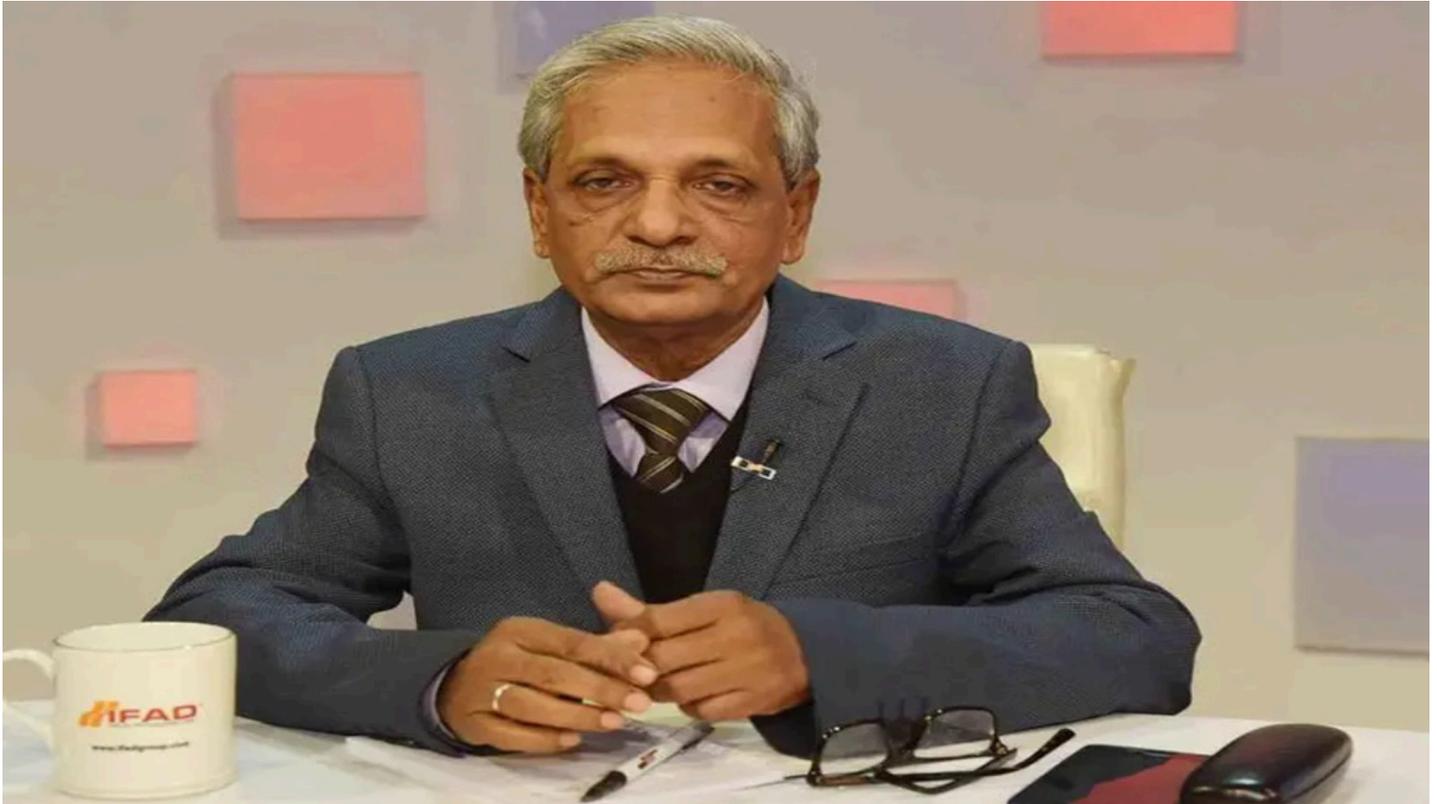


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## Cultural affairs ministry pushes to reappoint music teachers in pry schools

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*Cultural affairs minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury. | BSS Photo*

Cultural affairs minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury has suggested the minister for education and primary and mass education take initiatives for appointing music teachers at primary schools.

He said that if music teachers were appointed for the primary schools, the cultural affairs ministry could supply the teachers.



'Few days ago at a joint meeting I gave this proposal to the education minister,' he said, adding that while the culture ministry could supply the music teachers, the primary and mass education ministry would pay their salaries and allowances.

He revealed the information to reporters during a conversation attending a programme at Dhaka University in the capital.

Nitai Roy said that his ministry had under it Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy with branches at district and upazila level that have different departments, including music.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy through its branches would be able to send music teachers at the primary schools, he said, adding that it would also help secure employment for those studying in music.

'So that no one is left in poverty after learning music,' he said.

The immediate past interim government created the posts of assistant music teachers and assistant physical training instructors, but the initiative was later dropped in face of protest from different Islamic organisations and political parties, including the Bangladesh Jamaat- e-Islami and the Islami Andolan Bangladesh.

The Government Primary School Teacher Recruitment Rules 2025 issued on August 28, 2025 had four types of teacher's positions—head teachers, assistant teacher, assistant teacher (music) and assistant teacher (physical training).

The Islamic organisations demanded removal of the music teacher's position and wanted teachers for religious instruction instead.

The primary and mass education ministry through another circular on November 2 last year dropped the newly created posts of music and physical education teachers in government primary schools.

The High Court on November 10 asked the government to explain within two weeks why its decision to cancel the posts should not be declared illegal.

A bench of Justice Fahmida Quader and Justice Md Ashif Hasan issued the rule after hearing a public interest litigation filed by Supreme Court lawyer Sarwat Siraj Shukla.

The petition challenged the November 2 gazette notification issued by the primary and mass education ministry, which abolished the two posts by amending the Government Primary School Teacher Recruitment Rules 2025.

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