

Community schools in 200 thanas next yr

MIRZAPUR (Tangail), May 16. The first ever community school project in the country was formally inaugurated here today by Education Minister Dr Abdul Majeed Khan at the Mirzapur Pilot Girls' High School; reports BSS.

Sixty-two similar projects started functioning throughout

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the country last week, an official source said adding: by this year 200 such schools will be set up in the rural thanas. Of them 92 will be completed by June next.

These projects will be run on experimental basis for four years to study the feasibility and viability in the country as centres of education and development in the respective areas. They will be expanded in 200 thanas by next year; the source said.

In each of the thanas one boys' high school and one girls' high school will be selected under the project to form a community school unit; the source said.

The Education Minister said the community school projects were aimed at opening avenues for technical and vocational education and training for both the students and villagers and to help bring closer education to practical life.

Dr Khan said the project was designed to turn the educational institutions as the nucleus of education learning and development in the locality to support speedy and integrated development of the rural people.

The projects would be gradually linked up with the community learning centres which are being opened in the primary schools. The centres would be turned into venues for get-together of rural people and meeting place of the development functionaries in the rural community; the Minister said.

He said in the past many projects were failed and in fact our life was conditioned by 'national failure' and urged the people to reverse the trend and architect stories of success which in turn will lead to further successes.

Among others the function was also addressed by Director General of Secondary and Higher Education Brig A K M Shamsul Islam and Deputy Commissioner of Tangail.

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