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## Epoch-making steps in edn sector taken: Huda

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, on Saturday, said that none would remain illiterate and ignorant following successful implementation of various programmes undertaken by the present Government for the spread of education throughout the country, reports BSS.

He said, the Government had taken epoch-making step by giving priority to education sector through making primary education compulsory, free education for girls upto class VIII and mass educational programme including food for education and was marching ahead with successful execution of elimination of illiteracy programme.

Mr. Nazmul Huda was speaking at the inaugural function of the newly built Padma College building in Dohar (Dhaka). The newly built building was inaugurated by the eminent social worker and father of the Information Minister, Mr. Nurul Huda as the chief guest.

Among others, the inaugural function was also addressed by Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Industrialist Sohel Rahman, Secretary General of Bangladesh Human Rights Implementation Commission Sigma Huda, President of the College Governing Body Dr. A.R. Khan and Founder Principal Ibrahim Bhuiyan.

Referring to the contribution of great sons of Dohar Thana in giving leadership to the nation, the Information Minister expressed the hope that the students of this college would come out as competent citizens to give leadership to the nation in future. Students have to

prepare themselves with the light of learning, he said adding that congenial atmosphere had to be maintained for this purpose. Session jam had been created a generation gap.

The Information Minister recalled the glorious role played by the student community in the anti-autocracy movement and said they had made significant contribution in uniting the people and giving sense of direction at the hours of peril. Now that democracy has been established in the country and constitutional progress launched, the students should devote themselves in acquiring knowledge, he added.

He sought the cooperation of all for making the students well-educated. He announced that the best student of the Padma College would be awarded prize bond worth Taka 2000 every year in recognition of his genius.

In his speech, Mr. Nurul Huda wished continued progress of the newly established college and urged all quarters to come forward to encourage and offer facilities to the students.

The Education Minister said, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had attached top most priority in education to ensure the progress of the country. The present Government has for the first time reserved sixty per cent of the posts of primary school teachers for women, he added.

He also outlined the steps taken by the Government for the spread of education in the country. Later he gave away prizes to the meritorious students of the college.