

UNESCO's help sought for changing education system

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, now in Paris, said steps are being taken to introduce English as second language upto degree level, reports UNB.

He was delivering his speech at the 27th session of the General Conference of UNESCO in Paris Friday.

The Education Minister is leading a six-member Bangladeshi delegation to the conference.

The Minister said government has taken measures to computerization results to all public examinations, redesigning the curriculum and establishment of private university, medical college teachers training college at private level for bringing about an improvement in the education system.

"We have introduced compulsory primary education and

mass education programmes for achieving the target of education for all by the year 200 to fulfil our constitutional obligation" the Education Minister said.

Seeking increased cooperation of UNESCO for bring about a qualitative change in the education system of Bangladesh Sircar said government is redesigning and restructuring the education policy and education system of the country.

He said government had already set up a full-fledged division of primary and mass education under direct control of the Prime Minister and a high-powered task force had been formed to review, monitoring and formulate the basic and operational strategies.

He said female-education is being encouraged through implementing programmes of tuition free education for girls upto Class VIII in non-urban areas and providing scholarships under female secondary school project.

The Education Minister also sought support of UNESCO for promotion of International centre for science technology and education development for men and women in Bangladesh.

Cooperation in establishment of more teacher training colleges, establishment of an oceanography institute, supplementing food for education programme for compulsory primary school going students,

inclusion of the ancient historic buildings and relic, establishment of an environment centre, establishment of language institute of teach French, English, Arabic and Spanish languages for the secondary and higher secondary pass students so that they could communicate with foreign countries for mutual benefit in technology technical know how.