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The Bangladesh Observer**Higher edn to be expanded: Sircar**

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar on Friday said the present democratic government aimed at reaching the opportunity of higher education to the door-steps of the rural people through introducing honours and Master-degree courses in the colleges located at greater district towns, reports BSS.

The Education Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the installation ceremony of the office-bearers of Bangladesh Government College Professors' Association and Bangladesh Government College Lecturers' Association at Government Bangla College in Dhaka.

Presided over by President of the Association Prof. Kamal Ataur Rahman the function was addressed by Vice-president of Professors' Association Prof. Shahnina Rahman, Principal of Bangla College Prof. Jahanara Hoq, Secretary-General of Professors' Association Prof. Badiul Alam and Secretary General of Lecturers' Association Mr. Altaf Hosain.

The Education Minister said, expansion of higher education will create effective manpower and high-morality and thus help national development.

He said the Government had taken epoch-making steps towards introducing a pragmatic and production-oriented education system in the country for eradicating poverty of the people.