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and political leaders to join this battle aimed at ending illiteracy, intolerance and ill-education from the society, establishing the honour of teachers and the prestige of campus and defending the constructive student movements.

RESUME

The Education Minister gave a resume of the exercise on the interim education policy being processed by the National Education Advisory Committee and said that another national level education workshop will be held in Dacca on the conclusion of four divisional workshops.

The Government has decided to hold education workshop at district level to elicit views from people of all walks of life on the education policy. "We do not fear criticism, as we believe if there is a Government, there will be opposition", he said.

HOOLIGANISM

The Minister, who was one of the leaders of 1962 Education Movement, also stressed the need for revival and reactivation of the student unions in the campus referring to the incidents of armed hooliganism in the campus.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said, the student community shall have to think over the issues, trends, and organisations of students movements. We believe in the autonomy and sanctity of the university and we shall make our all out-effort to eradicate the hooligans from the campus with the cooperation of the general students and teachers.

Presided over by Mr Habibur Rahman, President of Bangladesh Biplobi Chhatra Union, the seminar was addressed among others by Mr Gias Kamal Choudhury, Mr Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Mia Sadequr Rahman, leaders of United People's Party. Mr Shamsul Alam, Editor of weekly Nayaug, Mr Mohiuddin Ahmed, a former Chhatra Union Leader, and Khandakar Nazimuddin, General Secretary of Biplobi Chhatra Union. Mr Zahiruddin Babul, a former student leader.

S. A. BARI

Mr S. A. Bari A.T., Minister for Manpower Development and Social Welfare on Sunday said that the government was working to evolve a new education policy suiting to the needs and requirements of our people.

He said, our education system is a legacy of the colonial regimes introduced to serve the purpose of exploitation and added that the government was making all out efforts to bring about the desirable changes in the present system though it is really a Herculean task.

The Minister was speaking at a seminar in observance of the great "education day of 1962" in Dacca on Sunday. Held under the auspices of the Jatiya Chhatra Dal, the seminar was presided over by Mr Moshtaque Husain, President of the organisation and addressed among others by Mr Shamsul Alam, General Secretary of the organisation.

Mr Bari, paid rich tributes to the memories of the martyrs of the education movement of 1962 and said that only the materialisation of their dreams can be the best homage to them.

The Minister referred to the initiatives of President Zia for

the greater unity and said, the people of the country have to be forged with unity sinking their minor differences so that intensified efforts can be launched for the nation building activities.

"The need of the moment is greater unity and that will be helpful for the consolidation of the consciousness of the people for productive purposes."

Mr Bari said no national efforts can be successful without democracy and so the government is moving to create a democratic atmosphere in the country. He referred to the amendment of the constitution and said, "it is the symbol of nefarious autocratic regime" and added, it has to come to an end.

DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS

Our Staff Reporter adds: Various student organisations of the country on Sunday observed education day through separate programmes which included laying of wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar and discussion meetings.

BCL (PRODHAN)

Bangladesh Chhatra League (Prodhan) held a discussion meeting at the office of the organisation in observance of the day. Presided over by Mr Shaful Alam Prodhan, the discussion meeting was addressed by Mr Dulal Chowdhury and other members of the central executive committee of the organisation.

BBCU

Members of Bangladesh Biplobi Chhatra Union led by Mr Habibur Rahman, President of the Organisation laid wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in observance of the education day.

BCL (MUSTAFIZ)

The Central Executive Committee of Bangladesh Chhatra League (Mustafiz) observed the day through a discussion meeting at the central office of the organisation. Presided over by Mr Mianur Rahman, Vice-President of the organisation, the meeting was addressed among others by Messrs Mostafizur Rahman, Zulfiqer Ali Bhutto and Sirajuddin, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Convener, Dacca City unit of the organisation respectively.

BCS

The central committee of Bangladesh Chhatra Samity placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in observance of the day. The organisation will a discussion meeting on education day will be held at the central office of the organisation today (Monday).

BCU

Members of Bangla Chhatra Union observed education day through a discussion meeting at the Madhur Canteen, Dacca University. Presided over by Mr Abdul Basit, the meeting was addressed among others by Messrs Mostafizur Rahman, Khan, Akhtar Hossain, Shahidul Islam and Jahangir Firoz.

BCL (MOHIUDDIN)

Bangladesh Chhatra League (Mohiuddin) held a discussion meeting at Sergeant Zahurul Huq hall in observance of the day. The meeting was addressed among others by Messrs Mostafa Zalal Mohiuddin, Requibur Rahman and Mohammad Sharif.