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**Compulsory edn
from Jan 1**

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar reiterated in Dhaka on Saturday that compulsory primary education would be launched in one thana in each of the 64 districts from January 1 next.

The mass literacy programme of the government would also be launched soon, he told the second session of the two-day conference of the Deputy Commissioners which began in Dhaka on Saturday.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia presided over the session. The minister gave an outline of the system of education to be followed in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) Examinations next year.

He sought cooperation of the Deputy Commissioners for conducting the examinations smoothly.

Mr Sircar said the Deputy Commissioners would act as Chairmen of the Committee for Compulsory Primary Education and Mass Literacy Programme.

He said about 40 lakh adult people were benefited from the mass literacy programme during the tenure of BNP government.

Participating in the discussion, Education Secretary Mir Mustafizur Rahman described both the programmes as 'massive' and said the DCs could play a vital role in their implementation.