

Tk 50 cr non-formal edn plan taken up in 69 thanas

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar said the government had started a Taka 50-crore "coordinated non-formal education expansion programme" in 69 thanas of the country for spreading education, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a weeklong workshop on "appeal training methodology for the literacy personnel: resources development and training procedures in Bangladesh" at the auditorium of Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS), the Minister said the project would be completed in three years time.

Chaired by Mr SM Al-Hussainy, President, Executive Committee of Swanirvar Bangladesh, the function was

addressed, by Education Secretary Shafiqul Alam, UNDP representative Winston Temple, Dr MN Huq, Advisor, University Grants Commission and S B Barua, Director, Swanirvar Mass Education Programme.

Mr Sircar said under the project non-formal education, adult education and life-long education system would be started. He sought cooperation of all, particularly the donor agencies, to supplement the project through financial help to make it a success.

The Education Minister recalled with gratitude the contribution of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to the spread of education and said he had

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started mass education programme as a national movement but it was abandoned by the autocratic regime.

He said through sincere efforts honesty and integrity, the government programme could become successful. "Utmost honesty and high integrity of character are essential for the success of the programme," he added.

Referring to the present government's avowed policy of Ed-

ucation For All By 2000 AD, Mr Sircar said all have to cooperate to make it a success. He said the present government has successfully held five examinations since it came to power and expressed his firm belief that session jam in the educational institutions would be removed within next two years.

The workshop has been jointly organised by Education Ministry, UNESCO, Bangkok and Swanirvar Bangladesh, an NGO.