

English made compulsory at degree level

The government has decided to make English a compulsory subject at degree level from the 1994-95 academic session, reports UNB.

The decision has been taken with a view to raising the standard of English education in the country, said an official handout on Wednesday.

English will be compulsory in Pass and Honours courses in all general educational institutions and students seeking admission in the next session (1994-95) will be the first batch with the new curriculum.

The new curriculum has been introduced at degree level against the backdrop of students lacking adequate knowledge in English language which is important for international communication, the handout said.

"It has been observed that standard of English education has degraded at primary and secondary levels also".

The new measure was adopted with the hope that it would help students acquire more knowledge in the foreign language, and build them as efficient manpower, the handout added.