

Education summit in Nov to formulate nat'l policy

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Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday said an education summit will be held in November in the city to formulate a national education policy.

"We are going to organise an education summit in November. I hope academicians, concerned government officials and experts will participate in the summit where we will formulate short-term, mid-term and long-term education policies," he added.

The adviser was speaking at a press briefing at the National Academy for Education Management (Naem) in the city after a daylong view exchange meeting.

On the eve of the summit, education ministry yesterday organised the meeting where academicians and experts stressed on different issues, including how to ensure quality education to eliminate existing discriminations.

Zillur also said a high-powered committee will be formed very soon for identifying how to strengthen the

activities of National University (NU).

"Over 80 percent tertiary-level students are now studying at NU-affiliated colleges. Degree colleges have a capacity of around 7 lakh students, but their qualities are tremendously low. Besides, NU has many problems and for this reason, we will form a high-powered committee very soon," he said.

He further said a working group comprising education ministry, directorate of secondary and higher education and NU has been formed for preparing a policy to set up new educational institutions, academic recognition and opening additional class sessions.

"DSHE will be reformed very soon.

We have already received a proposal from DSHE on how to reform it," the adviser added.

He also said the education ministry is now working to expand and become popular of information technology (IT) education from child level.

"Gradually, we will have to expand IT education. For this purpose, we primarily introduce a pilot programme involving some schools. Under the programme, some children will get the opportunity of using child laptops," he added.

Education secretary, NU vice chancellor, chairmen of different education boards and educationists also took part in the press briefing.