



Education commission soon

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad on Monday said an education commission will soon be announced, reports BSS.

The Commission at the national level will at the earliest submit its recommendations to the government on education policy and system and necessary steps for the development of education in the country, he said.

The President said this in a message, read out on the occasion of the biennial national conference of Bangladesh College Teachers Association (BCTA), held at Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Dhaka. The message was read by Education Minister Mahbubur Rahman.

President Ershad was scheduled to attend the conference as chief guest, but because of minor indisposition he did not attend the conference.

President Ershad said there is no alternative to education in our efforts to establish ourselves as self-reliant and dignified independent nation. So I myself and my government always attach special attention to the development of education and give due respect to teachers.

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who are the architects of our future workforce.

The President spoke of the condition presently obtaining in the educational arena and expressed his firm confidence that the overall academic atmosphere, expansion and development of education to a great extent could be attained if all, irrespective of opinions and affiliations, work in that direction.

President Ershad who is also the Chairman of Federation of Bangladesh Teachers Association, said he is one of them and look into their problems.

He said if we all put in planned efforts with honesty and spirit of tolerance, Inshallah the national endeavour for eradicating the curse of illiteracy would be successful and at the same time we could educate our children on the basis of their merit to prepare them for leadership in the coming days.

Uniform edn system

Speaking as special guest at the conference Education Minister Mahbubur Rahman called upon all quarters to help the Government in formulating a uniform and universal education system.

He said the attention given by the present Government towards the improvement of education and welfare of the teaching community was unprecedented.

Mr. Mahbub said despite resources constraint, the Government was spending Taka 700 crore annually for the welfare of teachers and another Taka 300 crore for the development and maintenance of educational institutions.

Referring to the decision on increased benefits and salary supports to the non-government college teachers including medical allowances, house rent and 70 per cent of their basic salary, the Education Minister asked the concerned officials to implement the decision with effect from July 1986 without any further delay.