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Vocational institute handed over to Govt

By A Staff Reporter

The Vocational Training Institute established at Lalmonirhat (Rangpur) by the Luthern World Federation under its Rangpur-Dinajpur Rehabilitation Service programme, was handed over to the Ministry of Education on Tuesday. The Ministry was represented by the Directorate of Technical Education.

The institute was initiated in 1972 as a joint venture of the Government and the RDRS as part of the five-year plan. According to the plan, 50 vocational training institutes were to be established at thana level throughout the country.

The Government provided land of 2.83 acres for the institute and the RDRS provided tools, machinery and other equipment. Total cost of construction of the institute building, including equipment for education, is approximately three lakh US dollars.

The institute which is situated on the outskirts of Lalmonirhat town, is designed to meet the need of skilled technicians. It will offer two courses, one for farm mechanics and another for machinists. The courses are scheduled to last two years with 20 students in each course. Students will be recruited from the area around Lalmonirhat. The required qualification for entering the institute is Class VII. After the completion of each course the students will receive diploma from the Directorate of Technical Education.

The institute has 12 buildings. There are two major buildings containing the machine workshop, welding fitting, farm mechanics, basic wood workshop and electricity workshop. One building will accommodate the class rooms and administrative staff while another will accomodate mechanical drawing classes and the library. The institute has 12 staff quarters and two store buildings.