

Modern education policy soon

Policy to be based on Quadrat-e-Khuda Commission report, says minister

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The government will formulate the National Education Policy within three to four months based on the Quadrat-e-Khuda Education Commission report of 1974.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said this at a meeting with 30 renowned academicians at the secretariat yesterday.

He said the entire education system from primary to tertiary level would be re-designed according to the education policy.

"There is no need to form a new education commission. Considering recommendations from the academicians, we have decided to prepare a National Education Policy based on the Quadrat-e-Khuda Commission's report," the education minister said.

He hoped that government will be able to complete the education policy by three to four months adding the policy will guide us to free the country from illiteracy.

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Nahid also said government will also try to introduce a unified primary education system across the country merging the existing 11-kind of primary education system to end the discriminations in primary education.

MINISTER MEETING WITH ACADEMICIANS

The renowned academicians urged the education minister to stop the culture of forming new education commission to ignore the political interest.

Most of the academicians suggested formulating the national education policy based on Quadrat-e-Khuda Commission so that secular and science based education system can be introduced.

They also suggested that the report of the Quadrat-e-Khuda Commission should be slightly modified to make the policy fit for the country's existing education system.

"Millions of public money were spent for previous seven education commissions by different political governments. But they didn't implement the recommendations due to the apprehension of demonstrations by the opposition," said Prof Dr Zillur Rahman Siddique, former VC of Jahangirnagar University.

Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Chairman of Computer Science department of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, said govern-

ment should immediately cancel the postponed 'uni-track education system' and introduce 'real unified education system' merging three systems—Bangla, English and Madrasa.

Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury emphasised on quality books and skilled teachers for ensuring quality education in the country.

UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam suggested forming several advisory committees for improving education system from primary to tertiary level.

Dr Sirajul Islam, Abdullah Abu Sayeed, DU VC AAMS Arefin Siddique and its Pro-VC Harun-Or-Rashid, Brac University VC Prof Zamilur Reza Chowdhury and renowned academicians Momtaz Uddin Patwary, Prof Rangalal Sen, Mostafa Zabbar, Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Prof Ajoy Roy and Khandakar Bazlul Huq, among other academicians, were present at the meeting.

QUDRAT-E-KHUDA COMMISSION

Quadrat-e-Khuda Education Commission was formed in 1972 headed by the leading educationist and scientist Dr Quadrat-e-Khuda. The commission submitted its report to the then Sheikh Mujib government in May 1974. The commission suggested some major changes in the primary, secondary and higher secondary levels.