

## 16,500 edn instts digitised

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THE government has introduced 'multimedia' classes in 16,500 educational institutions at secondary, higher secondary and madrassah levels to make the teaching system more attractive to the students.

The government planned to introduce 'multimedia classes' in a total of 20,500 educational institutions at secondary, higher secondary and madrassah levels by July-August this year and setting up of 'multimedia classes' in the remaining 4,000 educational institutions is progressing fast and is expected to be completed as per the schedule.

Besides, 4,000 more educational institutions are operating such classes under the government and private initiatives.

To make the education system time-befitting and modern, the government took steps to introduce 'multimedia class' under a Tk 305.34 crore ICT project of the directorate of secondary and higher secondary education in January, 2011.

'As per the government's plan, 16,500 educational institutions have been given all necessary equipment including laptops, projectors, internet modems, soundboxes and speakers for multimedia classes,' said project director Abul Kalam Azad.

'We will reach these

equipments to remaining 4,000 educational institutions by this month,' he said.

Talking to the news agency, Abul Kalam Azad said a total of 18,105 teachers have already been trained to run the multimedia classes. 'We will complete training of more teachers soon,' he said, adding that 19 training institutes across the country are trainings the teachers.

He said the government has a target of setting up five multimedia classes in each of 20,500 educational institutions by 2015.

'We are hopeful about bringing the entire teaching system of secondary, higher secondary and madrassah under the multimedia system by 2021,' he added.