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Govt to raise standard of education

Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk on Tuesday said the present government was endeavoring to raise the standard of education to face the challenges of globalisation, reports BSS.

Skilled manpower must be developed through standard, timely and effective education to ensure the development of the country in global perspective, he said.

"We must win the 'race between education and catastrophe'," he said emphatically.

Dr Faruk was opening the National Education Week, 2002 as chief guest Tuesday morning at Osmani Memorial Hall in city.

Organised by Education Ministry, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Education A N M Ahsanul Haq Milon, Deputy Minister for Education M Abdus Salam Pintu and Education Secretary Mohammad Shahidul Alam.

Abdur Rashid, Director General of Secondary and Higher Education Directorate, gave the vote of thanks and M Anwarul Haq, former director general of NAEM presented the key-note speech.

The Education Minister said all activities of the nation were aimed at socio-economic development, especially changing the fate of about six to seven crore people who lived below the poverty line.

He said 7 to 8 per cent of GDP was necessary to lift them out of the abyss of poverty, adding that only a properly educated skilled manpower could ensure it.

Stressing the need for revolutionary change in the traditional education system, he said without it education would continue to fail to provide the youth with livelihoods.

Terming teachers as the backbone of education, the Minister said they must be trained to learn, relearn and unlearn skills and transmit the newly acquired knowledge and technology to their students.