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## Plan to introduce vocational training courses in 60 VTIs

The Directorate of Technical Education under Ministry of Education has undertaken a scheme to introduce vocational training courses in 64 vocational training institutes in the country, says Media Syndicate.

The scheme is aimed at turning out technicians and mechanics to cater to the demand for such trained persons in the country. The courses will help the unemployed youths seek self-employment or employment opportunities in public and private sectors. This will also ease government's pressure on resources spent for sustenance of the unemployed people. The concept of imparting vocational training to the unemployed has become popular with the launching of gov-

ernment's poverty alleviation programme. In line with implementation of poverty alleviation programme the government has already instructed various ministries and agencies to impart vocational and technical training to unemployed youths through different institutions and organising training courses.

The Directorate of Technical Education has already started vocational training courses in 51 vocational training institutes in the country. In addition, the courses will be introduced in another 13 voca-

tional training institutes to be set up in phases. The project for implementing vocational training courses in 64 institutes is estimated at Tk 730 million which will be financed from government's own resources.

The courses in the existing vocational training institutes have also been reorganised. Any one is eligible to get admission in a vocational training institute after passing class eight. The two year course is named secondary school certificate SSC vocational course. Sources said, SSC vocational course will start in 500 schools from January, 1996 in phases. The implementation of the scheme will need Tk. 1.19 billion, sources said.