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## Make pry edn. plan a success: Yunus Khan

RAJSHAHI, Dec 27: State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Eunus Khan today called upon the primary school teachers to make the compulsory primary education programme a success with a view to eradicating the curse of illiteracy from the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing the divisional conference of non-government primary school teachers association as the chief at Madrasa maidan here.

The conference was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain, Mayor of Rajshahi Mizanur Rahman Minu, Azizur Rahman MP, Luthfunnesa Hossain MP, and the Deputy

Director of Primary Education Department, Rajshahi Division while divisional president of the association Md. Akkas Ali Sheikh presided.

The State Minister said compulsory primary education programme would be launched from January '1 in 64 upazilas and added the programme would be extended in all the upazilas during the next five years in phases. He said mass education programme would be reintroduced to resist dropout of the children. Mr. Eunus Khan said the government was sympathetic about the rational demands of non-government primary school teachers.

He further said, the government would follow a principle in the question of nationalisation of educational institutions for qualitative development of education. He, however, said their demands would be placed in the parliament.

Terming education as the backbone for the development of a nation, State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain said, the responsibility to make the children as worthy citizen of the country was vested upon the primary school teachers ignoring old-aged education system.

Mr Kabir Hossain said, the BNP government had allocated 15 percent of the total revenue budget for the education sector, the highest ever in the history of the country.

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