

Compulsory edn up to SSC by 2012

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said the government is resolute to enforce compulsory education up to Secondary School Certificate (SSC) level by 2012.

Steps would be taken soon to implement the programme, he said, adding: "We would take measures to remove illiteracy from people up to 45 years age."

Nurul was addressing a meeting at Beanibazar Govt College playground with

upazila AL President Abdul Hasib in the chair.

To face the huge and multiple challenges of the new world, the minister said the country's total education system needs a big change immediately.

"We would formulate an education policy within months on the basis of the Kudrat-E-Khuda Commission report of 1974," Nahid said, adding that it would help greatly in eradicating illiteracy.

While the AL was in power in the past regime, a pro-people draft education policy

was prepared but the BNP-led alliance put things in balance and took measures in this regard, he added.

He further said that the government would also try to introduce a unified primary education system throughout the country in place of the existing different types of education to end the huge discrimination in the primary education sector.

Upazila Chairman-elect Abdul Khalique Mayon and Vice-Chairman-elect Ruma Chakravarty also spoke at the programme.