

# Education sector gets priority in last year

Improvement of quality and restoring discipline in management in education sector for grooming a skilled, enlightened, creative and talented posterity remained the focus of activities during the last one year.

The activities of the government include formulation of education policy, which will be implemented in phases. It worked relentlessly for ensuring free distribution of textbooks and uploading those in the websites and inclusion of real history of the War of Liberation, reports BSS.

The education sector also witnessed finalization of policies for Monthly Payment Order (MPO) for educational institutions.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said, "The main target of the government is to ensure quality education for all to build a Digital Bangladesh."

Quality teacher, training and syllabus are must to ensure quality education, he said adding, "We are working for building a skilled, modern, patriot generation with high moral values."

"A dynamic and corruption free education management will also be created to achieve these goals," he added.

The historic speech of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 7, 1971 and the declaration of independence promulgated on April 10 have also been incorporated in the textbook of class eight.

In the last year, for the first time Bangabandhu's martyrdom anniversary, August 15, was observed formally in the educational institutions across the country.

In the outgoing year, the Ministry of Education gave academic recognition to 59 colleges, 168 madrasas, and renewed approval of 250 madrasas.

The ministry gave permission to 57 colleges to introduce various departments, 57 madrasas to introduce science department in the Dakhil level and introduce computer in 78 madrasas.

The government has formulated rules for running non-government schools, colleges to remove all irregularities.

Keeping 'Vision 2021' in mind, the government approved 141 non-government institutes to provide technical education.

Six projects are under implementation at a cost of Taka 33.28 crore to set up polytechnic institutes in Chapalnawabganj and Moulvibazar, engineering colleges in Sylhet, Faridpur and Mymensingh and skill development courses across the country.

Taka 2.5 crore has been spent for 10 postgraduate colleges under a project 'Introduction of ICT courses in public University Colleges'.

About 1,25,000 teachers had been trained to introduce creative examination system in the SSC exams from 2010.

In government secondary schools, the education ministry in the last one-year appointed 495 teachers. In general education cadre in government colleges 1,386 teachers were promoted to upper posts.

During the last one year, 207 new posts had been created in different colleges and 2,173 posts of development

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projects had been allocated in revenue budget.

The ministry had spent Taka 401.23 crore for implementation of eight projects for overall development of education.

Using IT facilities, in 2009, SSC and HSC results were published through online, SMS and email. In the public universities, online system has been introduced to provide admission form and test results for convenience of the students to build digital Bangladesh.

In 2009, the results of SSC and HSC were published within 60 and 58 days respectively which used to take three months in the past. Admission process has been expedited following quick publication of results and session gap in the public universities reducing day by day.

Steps have been taken to provide computer training to 2.8 lakh teachers through 128 ICT Training and Resource

Centers set up in upazila levels.

National Academy for Education Management (NAEM) had trained 3,311 teachers on 88 courses during last years. As many as 3,000 teachers were provided computer training, while 1,114 laptops were distributed to different educational institutions.

Besides, steps have been taken to set up computer lab in 50 educational institutes including 30 madrasas.

In public universities, the government had appointed 17 vice chancellors, eight vice chancellors and 100 officers. The University Grants Commission (UGC) had been reorganized. Process is on to formulate a policy to hold one admission test for the public universities.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has taken a zero tolerance policy against all sorts of corruption to build a transparent and accountable education management. Policies have been formulated to stop sexual harassment in the education institutions.

Begum Rokeya University Act and Bangladesh University of Professionals Act have been passed. The President has been made chancellor of seven public universities instead of the Prime Minister. Private University Act has been passed to ensure discipline and quality education.

Over 1000 jobs have been provided among 1000 employees through Government Benefit Fund last year.