

Tk 2,388cr non-govt colleges dev project gets ECNEC nod

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THE Executive Committee of the National Economic Council on Tuesday approved a Tk 2,388 crore project to make physical infrastructure development to nearly 1,500 non-government colleges at upazila level.

The approval came from an ECNEC meeting held at the NEC conference room in city's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar with the prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, in the chair.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, the acting planning

division secretary, Bhuiyan Shafiqul Islam, said that six development projects involving Tk 3,177 crore were approved Tuesday. The government of Bangladesh will bear all the costs of the projects.

Planning ministry sources said that the project for massive development of non-government colleges would also improve the quality of higher secondary education and also remove the differences prevailing between the government and non-government college education.

The colleges will have new multistoried academic

building to introduce ICT based education for the students. Recommending the project, the Planning Commission has said the project will go a long way in enhancing opportunity and improving the quality of education at higher secondary level.

The ECNEC meeting approved another project called 'Rural Livelihood Project' with the objective of alleviating poverty and creating self-employment for non-affluent landless people. Bangladesh Rural Development Board will implement the 5-year project at a cost of Tk 331 crore.

Upazila Bittahin Centra Co-operative Association will provide Tk 140 crore for the project. The other project approved in the meeting are 'Expansion and modernisation of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (revised) project' (Tk 107 crore-GoB); 'Jatiya Koli Kazi Nazrul Islam University Development project' (Tk 61 crore-GoB); 'Ganga-Kapadal Irrigation Rehabilitation project' (Tk 165 crore-GoB); and 'Emergency Rehabilitation & Expansion of Urban Area Power Distribution system Under Chittagong Zone (revised) project (Tk 118 crore GoB)