

## All educational institutions asked to celebrate Pahela Baishakh

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THE government has asked all post-primary schools, madrassahs, and colleges to celebrate Pahela Baishakh with pomp.

An inter-ministry meeting on March 10 decided to request the education ministry to ensure Pahela Baishakh celebrations on the first day of the new Bangla

year, 1420, at all educational institutions.

The education ministry on March 25 asked the director general of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education to take necessary steps to implement the government decision.

There are more than 35,000 post-primary schools, madrassahs, and colleges under the directorate.

DSHE DG Fahima Khatun told New Age that the heads of all educational institutions under her jurisdiction had been asked to celebrate Pahela Baishakh at their respective institutions.

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College principal Manjuara Begum said, 'I have yet to receive such an order. We always celebrate Pahela Baishakh but not on the 1st

day of Baishakh. We celebrate it two or three days later.'

She said, 'We are used to stay with family members on Bangla New Year.'

The Awami League government in 2009 ordered all schools, colleges, and madrassahs to remain open and celebrate Victory Day, Independence Day, and International Mother Language Day.