

Govt plans 20 marks in JSC, SSC for co-curricular activities

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THE government has planned the introduction continuous evaluation system in doing away with the existing evaluation based solely on written test for secondary students as part of an assessment modernisation move.

According to proposed system, students will need to take written test of 80 marks in public exams and 20 marks would be kept reserved for extra-curricular activities of students which would be evaluated by class teachers.

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Education officials on Tuesday told New Age, a national workshop presided over by the education minister Nurul Islam Nahid took place in the capital on January 27 on the proposed continuous evaluation system. Educationalists, curriculum and evaluation experts took part the workshop and all of them favoured the introduction of the new evaluation

system.

In 2011 and 2012, several missions of the Asian Development Bank proposed to the government agency concerned the introduction of the system applying it to Class VIII students who would be taking Junior School Certificate exams in 2015 and to Class X students who would be taking SSC examinations in 2017.

The ADB earlier requested the National Curriculum and Textbook Board to have a feasibility study on this before the introduction of the system in public exams.

The textbook board chairman, Shafiqur Rahman, said, The newly introduced national curriculum 2012 has stipulates that the continuous evaluation should be introduced in secondary classes. A feasibility study

was completed and an instruction has recently been sought from the education ministry.

Training for teachers and the dissemination of curriculum documents among teachers would begin soon under the Tk 800-crore Secondary Education Sector Development Project jointly financed by the ADB and the government, the chairman said.