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Free, compulsory primary edn by 2000: Mahbub

KERANIGANJ (Dhaka), March 6: Education Minister Mr. Mahbubur Rahman said here today that the Government had a plan to make universal primary education free and compulsory by the year 2000, reports BSS.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the multi-storied building of Duleshwar Ideal School, the Education Minister said that the Government grant would be gradually increased for those schools which would be able to show good results of the students in the examinations and maintain congenial atmosphere. On the contrary, the educational ins.

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titutes that would fail to maintain discipline, congenial academic atmosphere, and show good results in examinations and where lawlessness and anarchism would prevail, would not get Government grant and support, he added.

He informed the gathering that the allocation in the education sector would be raised in the coming years, if necessary from the level of Tk. 1,000 crore during the current fiscal.

The Education Minister called upon the people, members of Jatiya Sangsad and representatives of the Local Government to detect fake educational institutions and fake teachers and thus help save the misuse of Government funds.

Listing the various welfare measures of the present Government, he maintained that its record of achievements was far greater and more impressive than those which ruled the country between 1972 and 1982.

Alhaj Abdul Awal, founder of the school, presided over the function.