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80pc of students drop out before crossing primary

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The number of primary schools in the country has decreased compared those of the previous years.

This was disclosed in a paper presented recently by Prof. Moinul Islam of Chittagong University, seminar on national education movement organised by peder-

tion of the University Teachers' Associations, at the Dhaka University Teachers-Student Centre

Presided over by K.A.M. Saaduddin, President of the Federation, the seminar was divided into three sessions.

In his keynote paper Prof. Moinul Islam said 80 per cent of the students enrolled in class I leave schools before they finish their fifth grade. He said about 50 per cent of the boys belonging to the primary school-going group remain deprived of schooling. The figure is less than 20 per cent in case of secondary school, he said.

He regretted that two per cent of the total gross domestic product was being spent for the education sector. He said it was much below the corresponding rates of the neighbouring countries.

While expressing views on the paper presented by Moinul Islam, Badruddin Omar said with the abolition of English from our curricula the standard of Bangla is also falling. He said with this the standard of teachers are also falling as a chain effect.

Dr. Anisuzzaman said, in the absence of a sound employment policy many of our talented students are going abroad. He said this was one of the main reasons of brain drain.

Sirajul Islam Chowdhury said the discriminatory education system in the country had adversely affected the education sector of the country.