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NEAC recommends take over of college education

The National Education Advisory Council (NEAC) has recommended taking over of total responsibility of college education by the government by 1985 to effect qualitative improvement reports ENA.

This recommendation was made by NEAC in its interim education policy adopted last month.

The NEAC suggested division of the whole country into a number of educational zones to properly assess the regional needs, size of the population, environment available resources needs for theoretical and practical education and existing facilities in this field for establishing new universities and colleges and reorganising the present ones.

The report asserts that the

higher education system should be well-planned to meet educational and social needs keeping in view the available resources.

It however noted that the present higher education system cannot meet the requirements of the society as it is 'defective' in various aspects and isolated from the society.

The NEAC suggested Bengali as the medium of higher education and said that to achieve this publication of original books in Bengali and translation of foreign books should be encouraged by providing adequate facilities to Bangla Academy and other private publishers.

The report called for reconsidering the present curriculum of higher education and bring

ing about changes where necessary to suit the demands of the time.

It recommended a definite time limit for admission of students, holding of examinations and announcing their results. Suggestion was also made for enriching the libraries by collecting foreign journals, rare books and preserving those.

The NEAC said that special emphasis should be laid on developing research facilities in higher education level. It suggested formulating applied research programmes in the light of present needs and environment.

The final report will be presented to President Ziaur Rahman shortly.