

## Govt takes massive plans for quality education: Nahid

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EDUCATION minister Nurul Islam Nahid has said the government has taken massive programmes to enhance quality of education as it is the prime challenge in the education sector.

While making a statement on the occasion of the 54th Education Day being observed on Saturday, the education minister said, 'We have achieved a significant progress in the expansion of education in the country but we are still lagging behind in the field of increasing of the standard of education.'

Nahid said, 'In order to check drop-out rate, we have distributed

189,21,18,895 textbooks at primary and secondary level during our tenure.'

As teachers are the main force to improve quality of education, the government has given training to 10 lakh teachers, he added.

'We have made computer education mandatory at all stages of education, set up nearly 24,000 multimedia classrooms, 20,000 computer labs and upazila ICT course centres to create a skilled workforce aiming to supplement the efforts of building 'Digital Bangladesh,' he said.

In his statement, the education minister said the government has published time-befitting textbooks along with introducing creative question papers to

bring a qualitative change in the education sector.

Alongside merit-based scholarship, a total of 1.28 crore students are given stipend every year, he said adding 60,000 are getting disabled stipend to bring all children to schools.

'In order to develop a science-minded new generation, we have taken initiatives to modernise education system as traditional education methods would not be able to fulfil target,' Nahid added.

The government has formulated the National Education Policy-2010 incorporating holistic and specific guidelines to ensure education for all and provide quality education.