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Primary education faces setback

KHAGRACHHARI, Sept. 4 (UNB): Primary education in the district is being seriously hampered as the schools damaged in the last cyclonic storm in April 1991 are yet to be constructed. Official sources said a total of

Sircar addresses installation ceremony of Kumudini college students union

TANGAIL, Sept 3 (BSS) Education Minister Zamiruddin Sircar Tuesday said that the present government has a programme to bring all people under literacy by 200 a.d.

With this aim in view the universal compulsory education and adult literacy programme have been stated in 64 thanas in the first phase, he said.

The Minister was speaking in the installation ceremony of Kumudini Government college students union. State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan was present as a special guest. Dr Salma Banu, principal of the college presided over the function.

The Education Minister said that the late president Zia instituted the mass literacy programme and we are working to implement that.

The Minister said that more teachers will be given to Kumudini College soon to meet the demand of the students.

257 primary schools in 8 thanas of the district which were totally or badly damaged by the devastating cyclone have not yet been reconstructed or renovated.

Seventy per cent of the schools needs immediate renovation, primary education department said and cautioned that the education might come to a halt if actions were not taken soon.

Meanwhile, the engineering bureau and facilities department have jointly undertaken a project for reconstruction of 50 primary schools at a cost of Tk two crore.

But the work on the project was delayed due to non availability of fund and redtapsism, it is learnt.

Madaripur

Universal Primary Education Programme has been facing serious setback in the district.

Most of the primary schools are plagued with various problems including shortage of educational appliances, furniture, and teachers. Most of the school buildings are dilapidated.

Most of the government primary schools in Madaripur and Shariatpur districts have one or two teachers only who can teach up to class three according to a NGO report.

The report says, Madaripur and Shariatpur have two primary schools in the remote areas and about four lakh people here are unable to read and write.

Moreover, many schools

damaged due to flood, cyclone and other natural calamities remained unrepaired for years together hampering the primary education seriously.