Allocate Tk 20,000cr for education in next budget

Prof Kholiquzzaman urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will have to increase budgetary allocation for education sector, as the expenses will go up if the proposed National Education Policy is implemented, said noted economist Prof Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad yesterday.

been finalised, would be implemented in nine years and it would require Tk 7,000 crore a year for its implementation, said Prof system, he said. Kholiquzzaman, also the co-chair of the national education policy formulation committee.

"The government should allocate at least Tk 20,000 crore for education sector in the upcoming budget," he said adding that effective implementation of the allocation is most essential.

speaking at a roundtable titled 'Financing in education' at the National Press Club in the

National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE) organised the roundtable.

Kholiquzzaman said the draft policy suggested extension of primary education up to class VIII and secondary level up to class XII and it would require a huge investment if the new system is introduced.

Structural development of the schools, The education policy, which has already including building new classrooms, training of the teachers, setting up libraries and books will have to be made to implement the new Dr Kholiquzzaman said the allocation that

goes to education sector is inadequate and even the allotted funds were not utilised prop-

He demanded more allocation for primary education.

NFTE Chief Co-ordinator Principal Quazi Faruque Ahmed in his paper said this sector Kholiquzzaman made the remarks while needs realistic plans immediately and their implementation.

Leaders of different teachers' association also spoke.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

14 Gulshan

shops fined

A mobile court of Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined 14 shop owners at Gulshan-1 DCC Market in the city Tk 50,000 for selling and storing polythene illegally.

The mobile court led by Sukumar Biswas, acting director of the Department of Environment, also seized 500 kilograms of polythene, says a press release.

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ACC okays charges against 71 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission

(ACC) approved filing of charge sheets in 34 graft cases against 71 persons, including politicians, government officials and businessmen, last month.

illegal wealth, concealing information in the wealth statement, embezzling money and receiving bribes, said a press release of the ACC yesterday.

The accused included former civil surgeon of Lalmonirhat Dr Abdus Sobhan, Shahajadpur Pourashava Mayor Halimul Haque, former chairman of Chilmari union parishad in Kushtia Noab Ali, former manager (finance) of Bangladesh Silk Foundation Jakir Ul Mahmud and They are accused of acquiring former senior officer of Sonali Bank, Mirpur Section-12 branch, Dilip

> Kumar Talukdar. The ACC also approved filing of 12 cases against 25 persons for amassing wealth illegally, embezzling money

and receiving bribes.

The accused included Abdul Malek, assistant officer of land office in Jagannathpur union in Comilla, and Habibur Rahman, assistant settlement officer of Uzirpur Upazila, who were caught red-handed by the special team of ACC while taking bribes.

Besides, the ACC approved final reports of 13 cases, relieving 31 persons of charges. They included NACTAR Director Abdul Mannan Sarkar and Assistant Police Superintendent MD Joynal Abedin.

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