



NEW YEAR'S GIFT

SCHOOL children across the country get a set of new textbooks. It is an ambiance redolent of joy and pride. The smiles said it all, in schools on Sunday, the first day of the new academic year. For the students of primary and secondary levels on that morning, it was a dream come true when they were handed over their new set of books. Some jumped for joy; others cheerily flipped through the pages in sheer wonder. Some said they couldn't wait to get home and start reading the books cover-to-cover. This year, the government distributed 22,13,66,383 copies of free new books among 3,12,13,759 students of primary, secondary and technical education schools, and Ebtedayee and Dakhil madrasas.

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