

Govt gives priority to water management

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The government biggest ever plan 'Delta 2100' has given priority to water security for the river management and flood control system in the country.

"There would be needed long term water management for Bangladesh. Delta will be the guideline. We are implementing the Delta Plan in phase by phase," State Minister for Planning Prof Shamsul Alam said at a seminar titled 'Water Development in Bangladesh: Past Present and Future' organised by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies on Thursday.

The minister said the government is implementing several water related projects to dredge the rivers and control flood of the country.

"We will execute the delta plan through in every five-year plan. Already 17 projects are already in progress. Our government vision to protect river banks from the erosion," he added.

"Delta Plan is very important for the climate change in the country. For the development of the country, flood management is very important. All kinds of water development are under the Delta Plan," the minister also said.

"The government has taken 80 projects under the plan. The plan would ensure the country's economic growth, water, and food security as well as environmental stability in the long run overcoming various challenges, especially adverse impact of climate changes," he added.

"We have prepared the plan based on 26 research papers in last 60 years. We will update the plan as per the need in future," he also said.

"Now we are constructing bridges over the river which may problem for the proper water flow. In future, we will construct tunnel under the which cost will increase three times compared now," Shamsul Alam said.

UNDP chief Development Research Dr Nazrul Islam presented a research paper based on water development of the country.