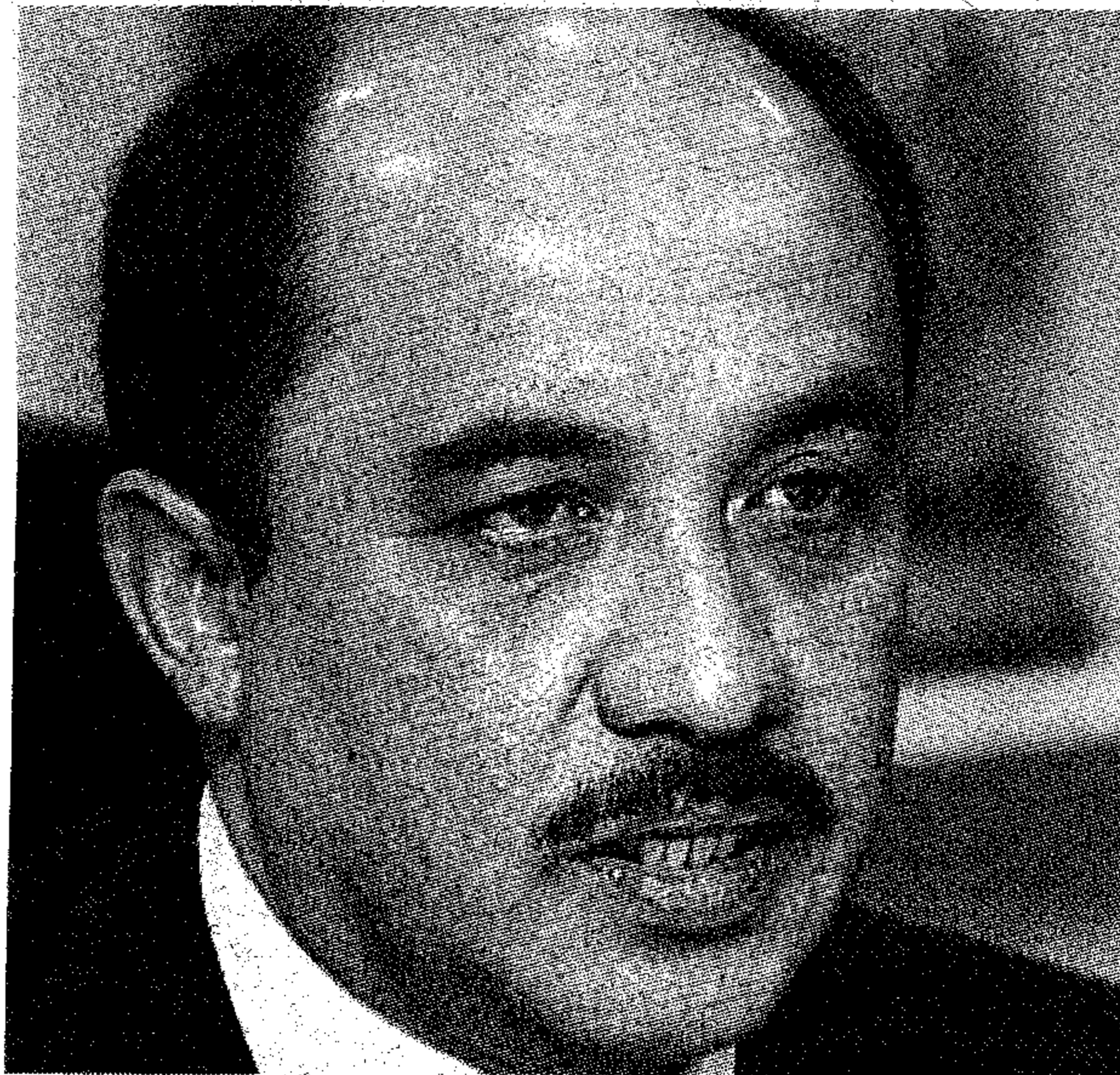


# Boost for schools in Putrajaya

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## Ministry to help raise standard of education



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**T**HE Federal Territories Ministry will help schools in Putrajaya meet certain needs to raise the standard of education.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Zulhasnan Rafique made the announcement to a thunderous applause during his speech at the launch of the Putrajaya level Teachers' Day celebration at the Parcel D Auditorium on Saturday.

"Whether it concerns infrastructure, structural modifications, equipment or tools, we want to help," he added.

Putrajaya Education Depart-

ment director Amran Maskor said the celebration in Putrajaya was the first of its kind because previous celebrations were shared with the Selangor Education Department.

He commended teachers on their tireless efforts to generate quality human capital essential to the nation-building process.

"After parents, teachers play an important role in moulding the mind and lives of our young. In line with this year's theme, "Guru Penjana Modal Insan Gemilang", I urge teachers to double their effort to enable the nation to step into the next era," he said.

After the speeches and a

recital of the poem "Guru O Guru" penned by Usman Awang, teachers stood up to recite their oath as the Teachers' Day flag was raised.

A 35-member choir then delivered two songs while a group of teachers also took to the stage to entertain the near-capacity crowd with two dances, "Joget Pahang" and "Dondang Dendang".

Zulhasnan later presented awards to high-achieving teachers hailing from both primary and secondary schools in Putrajaya and teachers were also honoured for their life-long dedication and contribution towards education.

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