

'Vocational edn. to be made compulsory'

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said that vocational education will be made compulsory in primary and secondary schools of the country, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating the newly constructed science building of Siddheswari Girls College at the College auditorium in Dacca on Thursday.

The Prime Minister said that the Government has laid emphasis on technical and vocational education to meet the requirement of the modern age of science and technology.

Mr. Noor Mohammed Khan, a senior member of the Governing Body of the College presided over the function which was also addressed by Mrs. Syeda Sham-e-Ara Hossain, Principal of the College and Amena Khatun, a student.

The Prime Minister said that the Ministry of Education was implementing step by step the decision to have Government women's college one each at district and sub-divisional headquarters.

He said that the Government was very eager to spread education among the women who

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constitute half of our total population.

He said that the Government decision to appoint 50 per cent female teachers in primary schools was also being implemented gradually.

He urged the womenfolk to come forward to work shoulder to shoulder with men in the national development activities.

Regarding Government steps towards development of women the Prime Minister referred to the creation of Women's Affairs Ministry and other programmes aimed at involving the women in production activities and thereby increasing their family income.

Referring to the financial problems faced by the private educational institutions of the country, the Prime Minister urged the well-to-do people to extend their helping hand by way of donation.

Shah Aziz said that citizens are free to take part in any political activity of their choice but teachers and students should not bring politics in the class rooms.

He however, observed that there is a growing awareness among the students of universities and colleges not to mix up their pursuit of knowledge with politics.

He reminded the students of their fundamental duty in the campus is to devote themselves wholeheartedly to their studies.

Earlier, on arrival at the college campus, the Prime Minister witnessed an impressive physical display demonstrated by the students.

Later, a brief cultural function was also held by the students.