

## Harmonize science technology for prosperity: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Tuesday called for launching a movement for creating awareness of the benefits of science and technology, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the fourth national council of the Association of the Employees of Bangladesh Technical Education Directorate and its affiliated bodies at Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute Auditorium in Dhaka, Begum Zia stressed the need for harmonization of science and technology as it was key to national prosperity.

The Prime Minister said the task before the nation was to spread technical education. She said women have to play their part in this regard.

Seeking the cooperation of all in bringing about reforms in education, she said "if we want to achieve success in education sector, we have to solve the problems of session jams and terrorism from educational institutions. If we fail to do so, there will be dearth of leaders and development workers in future."

Presided over by the President of the Association Abdur Rahim Khan, the function was also addressed by Education Minister Jamir Uddin Sircar, State Minister for Textiles A Mannan, State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan, Lt Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain MP, General Secretary of the Association Golam Mostafa and senior Vice President Altafur Rahman and Principal of Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute A Kader.

Begum Zia underlined the need for developing appropriate technolo-

gy and its application to create dynamism in our economy. She said the need of the hour was the integration of advanced technology with the production system.

The Prime Minister said, "We can derive more benefits in different fields including agriculture, industry and energy if we apply advanced technology." She said electricity could be produced from solar energy and organic manure from garbage.

Begum Zia said we can introduce "nutrition movement" by raising of poultry birds, cattle and fish cultivation through application of improved technology. She said such steps would help generate employment opportunity for the unemployed and

fetch increased foreign exchange.

She cited examples of Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Germany which have made progress through use of advanced technological know-how and skill. She said those countries do not have more natural resources compared to us.

She expressed satisfaction as there was no session jams in polytechnic and textile institutes. She hoped that other educational institutions would follow their examples.

Earlier, a special munajat was offered at the function for the peace of the departed soul of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman who had promoted the cause of technical education.