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Keep education above all to attain uplift: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Saturday called for keeping education above everything to attain the desired goal of development because it was the base of all uplift efforts, reports BSS.

Addressing the second meeting of the National Committee on Education at the International Conference Centre, Begum Zia said everybody irrespective of party affiliation or opinion had to be involved in furthering the education programme taken by the present Government.

She said media had to play an effective role to help involve people in the education programme and make them conscious of the benefits of education.

The Prime Minister underlined the need for proper field level supervision of education programmes especially primary education where Government had given utmost importance.

Begum Zia asked the Ministers, Members of Parliament and high officials to regularly visit rural areas and keep the on-going programme under vigilant

watch.

Begum Zia said accountability must have to be ensured at every level of education programme. She said unaccountability especially in the field of education had damaged the sector most during the autocratic rule.

Begum Zia said "now we have to give extra efforts to streamline the sector which is in the top most priority of the nation."

The Prime Minister said the media should design their programmes to motivate the guardians to bring their children to the schools for studies.

She said her government had taken up programmes to encourage the poor students to go schools by launching food for education programme.

The Prime Minister also underlined the need for family planning programme. Otherwise, she said the rate of education could not be raised.

She said there was no alternative to education to turn this huge population into human resources.

The meeting, which was held for formulating an action programme for making the education for all programme a success, was participated by Finance Minister Saifur Rahman, Information Minister Nazmul Huda, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, Religious Affairs Minister Keramat Ali, State Minister for Education, Principal Yunus Khan, State Minister for Social Welfare, Fazlur Rahman, State Minister for Planning Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Women Affairs Begum Sarwar Rahman, Kurshid Jahan Huq MP, Farida Rahman MP and Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed MP, high officials of different ministries and divisions also took part in the discussions.

The meeting also discussed the programme of spreading mosque-based integrated semi-formal education.

The Prime Minister underlined the need for imparting modern education besides the conventional one in mosque based education system.