

National centre for young scientists to be set up

By A Staff Reporter

Vice-President Mr Justice Abdus Sattar on Sunday said that government had decided to establish a national centre for the young scientists. Construction of the centre was expected to begin soon, he said.

The Vice-President said that objectives behind setting up of the centre were to co-ordinate the scientific efforts of the young scientists, help them with small scientific instruments and disseminate modern scientific know-how among them in simple language.

Mr Justice Sattar was inaugurating the third national science week at the Dacca College auditorium. Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr R.A. Ghani also spoke on the occasion.

He said that without meaningful application of science and technology, the nation could neither achieve a self-reliant economy nor live with self-respect.

He said that the government was aware of the problems

faced in scientific research activities and had been trying its best to solve those.

Justice Sattar said that the objective behind the observance of science week were to find out the hidden talents among young scientists living in the nook and corner of the country and make them familiar with the "new horizons" of modern science and technology.

The Vice-President said that the exhibitions of the young scientists during past science weeks had made him firmly believe that these young scientists were aware of many national problems and trying to employ science and technology to help solve those.

OBJECTIVE

Mr Justice Sattar said that the national centre to be established for the young scientists would help the young scientists to make their simple scientific work more meaningful. The objective of the centre would be to "help blossom all buds", he said.

The Vice-President urged the persons engaged in the scientific pursuits to guide and inspire the young scientists so that they could evolve ways to apply science in life and environment in addition to their regular studies on science in schools and colleges.

He said that if an informal environment for scientific activities could be built up outside

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the research organisations, the popularisation of science through the joint efforts of scientific workers; young scientists and government would be accelerated and science would find its place in our life in real sense.

Dr R.A. Ghani said that national science week would play an important role in achieving the objectives of expanding and applying science and technology in the national life.

He stressed that there should be necessary opportunities of creative education for the young students side by side with the formal education to help build themselves as worthy citizens.

The Vice-President, later, inaugurated the central science exhibition at the Government Laboratory School.

About 750 delegates from all over the country are participating in the exhibition. They were adjudged the best competitors at the sub-divisional level exhibitions and competitions held from April 27 to 30.

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