

### **Scientists urged to work with dedication**

State Minister for Science and Technology Prof M A Mannan on Sunday called upon the scientists to work with dedication and sincerity to reach the benefits of science to the doors of the people, reports BSS.

Addressing the scientists, officers and employees of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) at its auditorium on Dhaka the Minister said the present government was keen to develop science and technology in the country with the objective to increase national productivity and improve the living of standard of the people.

The function was addressed among others by Science and Technology Secretary Abdullah Harun Pasha, BCSIR Chairman Dr M Waliuzzaman, General Secretary of BCSIR Scientists Association Akhtaruzzaman, President of BCSIR Officers Association Shamsuzzaman and President of BCSIR Employees Union Aftabuddin Ahmed.

Dr Waliuzzaman said currently 14 development projects in different fields of science and technology were under implementation in BCSIR completion of which would add to the industrial development of the country.

Mr Pasha assured to identify and solve the problems of BCSIR to boost its research and development activities.

He told the scientists that their research works must contribute to national development otherwise, it would be very difficult to increase research allocation in the coming budget.

Earlier the Minister visited different divisions and institutes of BCSIR Laboratories in Dhaka and showed keen interest in the activities of the Laboratory.