

## Technical education

Well-skilled people passing out from technical education centres would be eagerly sought by employment givers. Moved by this roseate vision of the future not a small number enrol in the technical vocational centres to become disillusioned later on while not finding suitable employment. The economy's unsystematic, irregular growth determine employment expansion in our conditions. The imagination of the propertied classes in Bangladesh is still much too much captivated by lucrative investments into rent earning propositions like real estate and the catering services. The small workshops dotting incongruously certain parts of the city's older quarters and styled 'engineering workshops,' could well become the nuclei for graduating into yet advanced stages of manufacturing. The owners and managers of these small workshops are frequently experienced people with a dormant flair and will for undertaking bigger entrepreneurship. But they are a neglected lot and expectations are that with a little credit fillip they would be quite able to expertly expand their present business and extend into other branches of manufacturing, opening up thus a stream for continual absorption of trained people in even greater numbers.

In the actual realm of technical education, the oft-repeated complaints from the students would be chronic shortages of teachers. At the engineering colleges, notably the engineering college for such a large industry-potential region as Khulna, students have had to sit out some of their course periods practically without tuition. To no lesser degree, grievances are nursed bitterly by the students too in the other centres of technical education.

Government should upgrade the quality of technical education and the first step in that direction must fill vacant teaching positions with the requisite number of well qualified teachers. Good words alone will not keep the teachers from leaving their profession for other lucrative assignments. Terms and conditions of their services will have to be made attractive coupled with prohibitions as would put a brake on them from indiscriminately and selfishly going abroad.