

### More attachment to science education stressed

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Wednesday underlined the need for more attachment to science and technology to overcome the country's huge problems including poverty, population explosion, natural disasters and backwardness in agriculture and industry, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the 16th National Science and Technology Week at the Science Museum auditorium here, she said "We

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must come forward with scientific attitudes and evolve sustainable technology in resolving the existing problems of the country."

The Prime Minister said the government was actively considering the formation of a separate ministry for science and technology.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, State Minister for Education, Principal Yunus Khan and Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Education Dr. Abdullah Harun Pasha also spoke on the occasion.

The Prime Minister said a new century would begin after seven years and this century would be dominated by those who would be scientifically and technologically developed.

She asked the scientists and technologists of the country to play a vital role so that our nation can join the competition of development and progress and cope with the developing world.

The Prime Minister said the light of science and technology should be spread to all spheres of the society. She said people should be motivated to science education and its utilisation

for the country's development.

She said Shahheed President Ziaur Rahman had first laid emphasis on the development of science and technology in the country and he had formulated science and technology policy, formed a separate science and technology ministry and given enhanced allocation for scientific research.

Referring to the introduction of compulsory primary education from January 1, formation of the National Science and Technology Council and announcement of national science and technology policy, she said the government had given stress on the better coordination, fair exercise and application of science and technology.

Later, she inaugurated a science fair.