

Role of science, tech for development a must: Sircar

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar Tuesday said the efforts that had been undertaken by the government for development of science and technology during the period of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman would be revived with renewed zeal, reports BSS.

He said the Government was aware about the role of science and technology for national development and had already taken measures to strengthen scientific and technological re-

search.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion held at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Dhaka in observance of the 360 birth anniversary of Dutch scientist Anthony Leewan Hoek.

Rodham Science Club and the Science Museum jointly organised the discussion.

Presided over by the Additional Secretary in-charge of the Science and Technology Division, Abdullah Haroon Pasha, the discussion was also addressed by Professor Dr. Abdul Latif Bhuiyan MP, Director of the Museum Dr. M. Mobarak Ali Akhand, President of the Club, Mokarram Hossain Liton and Club member Syeda Maina Quaderi.

Dr. Bhuiyan emphasised the need for following the instructions of the Holy Quran and the Hadith in search of knowledge throughout the life.

Dr. Mobarak Ali Akhand described how Leewan Hoek, born in a poor family and without any formal education in science, had pioneered many scientific discoveries and inventions by virtue of his continued efforts in search of knowledge and truth.