

## 'Quality of kindergarten education going down'

Former Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, Mr. Abdur Rahman Biswas, Thursday said that the country needed national consensus to ensure education for all by the year 2000, reports BSS.

He said kindergarten and its equivalent educational institutions of the country could put in their best endeavours for the improvement of education.

Mr Biswas, who is now a presidential candidate, was speaking as the chief guest at the certificate and prize distribution ceremony at the grand conference of Bangladesh Kindergarten Association at Bangladesh Shishu Academy here in city.

State Minister for Establishment Mohammad Nurul Huda attended the function as the special guest.

Presided over by ABM Shamsuddin, Chairman of the Association, the function was addressed, among others by Golam Mustafa, Principal of the Jurain Kindergarten, Shahazad Mohammad Ali, Secretary General and Habibur Rahman Vice Chairman respectively of the association.

Lauding the standard of educa-

tion system of the kindergarten, Mr Biswas urged the teachers and patrons of schools to mould the mind of the children in the spirit of national history and culture so that the children would be able to evaluate themselves on the question of history, and national heroes.

Mr Mohammad Nurul Huda said those persons and institutions which can contribute a lot towards spread of education are the most benevolent to the nation.

"Now-a-days, the quality of education in the kindergartens is going down as some persons invest in the sector with profit-motive," he observed.

He, however, said the government had decided to allow establishment of institutions of higher education in the private sector.

The government has also directed officials concerned to formulate a policy with regard to private educational institutions, he said adding that present government would also patronize the private educational sector for achieving the universal education for all.

Shahazad Mohammad Ali, Secretary General of the Association, said about six lakh students are studying in 3,500 kindergarten schools, and 40,000 teachers and 10,000 employees are working in those schools.

He demanded government's initiative to give registration and proper patronization to the kindergartens of the country.

A total of 187 students got primary and junior scholarships at different grades last year.