



Dr M A K Azad, acting President of the Institution of Engineers (IEB), Bangladesh presenting the crest of IEB to the chief guest Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the inaugural ceremony of the 46th convention of the IEB on Sunday. —OBSERVER

## Administration to be redesigned for effective service : PM

Saying that administrative setup would be redesigned for effective service delivery, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on Sunday said indiscipline and unruly behaviour in public administration would not be allowed, reports UNB.

"We want to build an efficient and dynamic administration for the welfare of the people and the country," she said calling for all to provide desired service to the people.

Stressing the need for ensuring accountability in the administration, the Prime Minister said all necessary reforms would be done where talent, merit and professional efficiency will be given top priority.

She was inaugurating the 46th Convention of the Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB). The four-day convention with the theme "Engineers to meet the (See Page 15 Col. 4)

জাতি... ..  
পূর্ন... ..

### PM

(From Page 1 Col. 7)

challenges of globalisation" is being attended by nearly 4,000 engineers from home and abroad.

Drawing attention of all to the present era of fierce competition, the Prime Minister in her address said there is no choice but to face the competition of the 21<sup>st</sup> century for survival.

Stating that the engineers has a major role to play in the new era, Begum Zia assured her government's all-out support to all the efforts of the engineers to face the challenges.

The Prime Minister stressed changing the concept of development in Bangladesh and called upon all to rise above party and parochial interest to uphold national welfare.

She lauded the role of the engineers in development but lamented that the benefits of their potential were yet to reach common people. "This means we couldn't yet ensure social justice. We have to go a long way to eradicate deprivation and disparity," she said.

She asked the engineers to examine if there was any fault in the planning process and direction in the country's development works.

Saying that it is an age of information and communications technology, the Prime Minister sought cooperation from the engineers in government efforts for setting up a strong base of modern technology.

Begum Zia appreciated the contribution of the IEB which completed its 50 years. "It is an institute of our pride," she remarked.

Responding to the demand of the engineers, the Prime Minister assured that the government would take all necessary measures to upgrade existing four institutes of technology (BIT) to universities of technology.

The inaugural session of the Convention was also addressed by President in-charge of IEB Dr Engineer MAK Azad, Secretary General of IEB Engineer Khan Manjur Morshed, Chairman of IEB Dhaka Center Monwar Hosain Chowdhury and Secretary of IEB Dhaka Center Engineer Rabiul Alam.

She also decorated Professor Iqbal Mahmud with IEB Gold Medal-2001 for his contribution to the engineering profession.

Chittagong IEB Center, Chandpur IEB Sub-center and the Malaysian IEB Overseas Center were also awarded medals and certificates for their performance.

On arrival at the venue, Begum Zia laid foundation of a planned 10-storied IEB building.

Ministers, MPs and diplomats attended the function.