



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia distributing prizes to the winners of the different competitions participated by school children on Thursday at the Osmany Memorial auditorium on the occasion of the National Education Week-2000. The Prime Minister also distributed prizes to the best educational institution, teacher, girl guide and scout.

Proper training to teachers stressed Country needs well-planned education system: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka on Thursday that the country needed a well-planned education system to create enabling atmosphere for ensuring quality education and its expansion and employment and livelihood of people, says BSS.

Speaking at the prize distribution ceremony of the National Education Week, Begum Zia said that the nation required such education which would arouse inherent qualities of learners and flourish their moral and spiritual spirit and help attain economic prosperity.

Referring to the low rate of literacy and low standard of education, the Prime Minister said our institutional education was not ensuring employment and livelihood.

Begum Zia said the government would have to introduce such an education system which would raise the standard of education, awake values, create congenial atmosphere in educational arena, ensure accountability in education administration and monitoring and create dedicated and responsible teachers.

The Prime Minister underlined the need for attaching importance to the moral aspect in curriculum

to make education system time-befitting, flourish scientific and sustainable technological education and technical and vocational education.

She laid stress on imparting proper training to teachers to improve their efficiency so that they could teach students properly.

The Prime Minister said our students must learn computer to acquire skill for getting employment, face the challenges of globalisation and acquire time-befitting education.

Describing adoption of unfair means in examinations and leakage of question papers as dirty events, Begum Zia said such incidents that happened during the past regime had belittled us as a nation. She called for stopping copying in the examinations and leakage of question papers at any cost.

The Prime Minister reminded all concerned of the significance of acquiring knowledge to cope with the ongoing globalisation process that started with economic, social, administrative and political reforms in different countries.

Referring to the sprout of information technology, Begum Zia said that her government was

making efforts to add computer to our existing education programme. She said the country would go backward if computer education was ignored. Begum Zia called for incorporating computer learning in our education programmes and acquiring the language of computer to advance the nation.

Referring to her government's recent measures for the learners, the Prime Minister said that the government was providing 10,000 (ten thousand) computers for the secondary schools across the country.

Underscoring the need for learning foreign language for getting employment abroad, she said that the government had also started setting up language laboratories in six divisional headquarters to teach Chinese, English, Japanese, French, Arabic and German languages.

Begum Zia said she had already inaugurated a language laboratory in Dhaka recently.

The Prime Minister called for reviving teacher-student relationship to improve atmosphere in educational arena and observing January 19 as 'national teachers day' for identifying problems of

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education and teachers and to find ways to solve those.

Begum Zia said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had wanted to bring about a revolutionary change in the education system.

She also mentioned a number of measures including monthly provision of Taka 100 for each student in primary schools and introduction of pension scheme for non-government teachers and employees undertaken by her new government.

The Prime Minister urged teachers to teach learners properly as future of students lies with the teachers. She asked all concerned to maintain standard of education in private coaching centres, colleges and universities.

She reminded teachers that teaching should not be the tool of earning profit.

The Prime Minister asked students to study devotedly and build good moral character to groom themselves as worthy citizens of the country.

Begum Zia said dynamism could not be ensured in the education process without corruption-free atmosphere and added her government would deal sternly with corruption in the field of education.

The Prime Minister distributed prizes among the winners who included educational institutions, head teachers, class teachers, scouts, girl guides, scout teachers, scout groups, girl guides group and students.

Education Minister Dr. Osman Farooq, State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq, Deputy Minister for Education Abdus Salam Pintoo and Education Secretary M. Shahidul Alam also spoke on the occasion.