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Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said in Dacca on Saturday that the present Government had ensured due participation of women in all nation-building activities, reports BSS.

He was addressing the annual prize giving ceremony of the Sher-e-Bangla Girls College at the College premises in Dacca on Saturday morning.

The Prime Minister who is also in charge of the Ministry of Education said that the Education Ministry had directed that in all employments in educational institutions, including the 45,000 primary schools at least 30 per cent women should be appointed.

Shah Aziz said it was the avowed policy of the Government to create opportunities for gainful employment of women in the Government offices, private sectors' organisations as well as in the mills and factories.

He emphasised that the old colonial system of education must now be changed in the people-oriented system of education with emphasis on informal education.

The Prime Minister said that with the establishment of democracy in the country, the citizens must also practise intellectual democracy for the free competition of ideas.

He said the condition of our society demands harnessing of the best knowledge available to lead our people to a better understanding of contemporary issues and problems and to execute plans and action for their solution.

Shah Aziz stressed that 170 thousand teachers and nine million students must be harmonised into a well-knit fraternity to serve the cause of "knowledge", which is the foundation of economic power.

Presided over by Mr. Khan-E-Alam Khan, Divisional Commissioner, Dacca the function was also addressed by Mrs. Hosne Ara Shahed, Principal of the College, Miss Nazneen, student of Class V Bonniskha Purakayastha student of Class IX, and Anjumanara Begum, student of XII class of the College.

The Secretary of the Ministry of Education and a good number of guardians also attended the function which was rounded off with a cultural function.