

## Govt to expand primary education at all levels: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Monday said the present government is determined to expand primary education at all levels making it befitting to the need of time and society, reports BSS.

"We want to make primary education the foundation of development of human resources", she said in a message on the eve of the National Primary Education Week-2002 beginning today.

The Prime Minister said various steps have already been taken to bring quantitative and qualitative changes in primary education.

She said for expansion of primary education system her Government has introduced stipend for the boys and girls of poor families besides distributing books free of cost.

The Prime Minister said along with imparting necessary training to the teachers to provide quality education to the learners, thrust has been given on English teaching at the primary level.

She called upon all concerned to work with utmost devotion, dedication and sincerity to translate into reality all government programmes and policies for development of primary education in the country.

The Prime Minister said she was particularly happy to learn that the week this year was being observed with specific goals for increasing mass awareness about education, enrollment of all children in schools and providing them with quality education.

Begum Zia felicitated all talented students, teachers, officers and persons patronizing education who received awards on this occasion.