

Scientists urged to reflect people's hopes in research

SAVAR Feb 18 (BSS) : Vice President Moudud Ahmed today called upon the scientists of the country to reflect the hopes and aspirations of the people in all of their activities.

The Vice-President was addressing as the chief guest the installation ceremony of the office-bearers of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Scientists' Association at the auditorium of Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology here.

Education, Science and Technology Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam was special guest at the function.

Presided over by the President of the Association, Dr Abu Dayen Bhuyan, the ceremony was addressed by Secretary of the Science and Technology Division Anisur Rahman, Chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Dr M.A. Mannan and General Secretary of the Association Manzur Ahmed.

Mr Moudud Ahmed said to attain success in implementing the programmes like family planning, universal literacy, food autarky and generation of employment opportunity the need of scientific advancement and technological development could hardly be overemphasised.

The Vice-President said scientific discovery and technological improvement were key factors for augmenting socio-economic development. The present government of President Ershad had embarked upon implementing policies and programmes for socio-economic uplift. The government, after a lot of trial and error had been able to create an atmosphere where individuals could exploit their talents and potential by best utilising the existing resources and infrastructural facilities, he added.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam in his speech said the government would soon form a science commis-

sion to further strengthen and coordinate the science and technological research in the country. The Commission would recommend suggestions for proper dissemination and utilisation of scientific discoveries and outputs for greater benefit of the people and the country.