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Education being made people-oriented

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam on Sunday said President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and his government were implementing education reforms programme for making the education system of Bangladesh people-oriented and scientific. He said the government was making relentless efforts for making the education system of the country realistic and timely for its development.

The minister was addressing a meeting of the national organising committee formed for observing Education Week at the Conference Room of Education Ministry.

Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed, Additional Education Secretary Nuruddin Al Masud, Additional Cultural Secretary Syed Ahmed, Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof M A Bari and other members of the committee attended the meeting.

The Educational Minister said the objective of the week was to increase the awareness among the people about education and their participation in it.

Referring to the government efforts for removing irregularities and corruption from educational arena, the minister said the government was taking various steps, including changing the examination system in this regard.

The meeting decided to ob-

serve Education Week in a befitting manner this year with the slogan "Education for building the country."

Besides a seminar on "Education atmosphere in Bangladesh and examination system" will be held on the occasion. Prof M A Bari will read the main paper at the seminar.

Three teachers in each division will be given awards at college, high school and madrasa levels in the week. Educational institutions will also be awarded for their perform-

ance. One college, three high schools (including one girl high school and a madrasa from each divisions) will be the recipient. The meeting also decided to award a college, a boys high school and a girls high school of Dhaka city on the basis of performance.

Qirat, songs, recitation, extempore speech, music, acting and dance competitions will also held on the occasion.

Newspapers will bring out special supplements and radio and television will put up

special programmes in observance of the week.

Special attraction of this year's Education Week will be education exhibition. Arrangement will also be made to exhibit different educational equipment.

The meeting was informed that preparation for observing the week had already started at district level.

Education Week will be observed at divisional level from January 20 to 25.