

PM opens medical college for women

Privatisation aims at self-reliance

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Thursday said the guiding philosophy of her government's privatisation policy is to build a self-dignified nation, says UNB.

"We want to instill in every individual the spirit of self-responsibility in which lies the success of democracy", she said inaugurating a private Medical College for Women and Hospital at Suburban Uttara on

Thursday afternoon.

The private-sector medical college for women, first in the country, has been set up by The Medical and Health Welfare Trust.

The Prime Minister said dependence on government for everything cannot be the mentality besitting an independent state. "Our identity as an independent and self-respectful

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nation will only come true when every individual irrespective of his status will perform respective responsibility".

She asserted her government's policy of developing country's human resources, saying "we went to build a strong and productive nation and so have given importance to poverty alleviation and expansion of healthcare".

She mentioned the 600 million-dollar 4th Five-Year Health and Family Planning Project, the biggest scheme undertaken with international assistance.

Begum Zia said the well-coordinated project would help growth of gross national product, bring desired success in population control, welfare to the womanfolk and decrease the rate of child mortality.

Setting up of the new medical college and hospital, she said, reflects three policies of the government: It will help government's health policy gain momentum, ensure welfare for women, and set an example of private sector entrepreneurship in national development.

Classes of the institution will start on October 15 with 50 first year students. The 5-year course of the medical college includes attachment

of every student with a senior doctor for gaining professional experience from the very first day.

Education Minister Zamiruddin Sircar, Chairman of the Trust Prof. A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Serajul Huq, Maj (Retd) Qamrul Islam, MP, Executive Chairman of the Trust Prof. M.R. Khan, Secretary and Principal of the College Prof. A.M. Mojibul Huq and Treasure Prof Suraiya Jabben also spoke on the occasion.