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Prime Minister and BAU Chancellor Sheikh Hasina conferring Honorary Doctor of Science on Nobel Laureate Dr Norman Ernest Borlaug at a special convocation yesterday. — PID photo

## Dr. Borlaug honoured

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management into a modern standard keeping pace with the changeable climate and weather.

"Any technology we develop must be compatible with the agro-ecological and socio-economic factors of our country," she told the agri scientists.

The Prime Minister said agriculture, which accounts for about one-third of the GDP and employs about two-thirds of the labour force, has been playing a dominant role in the process of economic growth of the country and this trend will continue in the foreseeable future.

Referring to country's rich natural resources, like fertile soil, rich water bodies, abundant sunshine and moderate temperature and rainfall, Sheikh Hasina said it is unfortunate that we have not yet reached the desired level of development even after having phenomenal success in boosting cereal production like paddy through adopting HYV technology.

Sheikh Hasina said an Agricultural Commission has been working for the formulation of an agricultural policy encompassing crops, fisheries, livestock and forestry sub-sectors adding that the implementation work of the already announced new Agricultural Extension Policy has started functioning.

Referring to the 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty, the Prime Minister said it has created immense potentialities to develop and manage water resources for rapid improvement of irrigation, inland navigation, fisheries, afforestation and the ecology.

The Prime Minister also lauded the role of the BAU in the development, propagation and transfer of appropriate agro-technologies in the country and hoped that the university will take more and more research activities in order to innovate and improve the species of economically important crops following the deals of Dr Borlaug.