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PM at BIT convocation

## 'Speed up application of technical know-how'

RAOZAN (Chittagong), Mar 5: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today urged engineers, agriculturists, physicians and scientists to work for strengthening economic infrastructure through optimum use of limited resources in scientific way, reports UNB.

"Government has taken up specific and target-oriented programmes to turn huge population into human resources," she said while addressing the first convocation ceremony of the Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) here.

Hasina said the expected development could not be achieved for slow application of technical know-how and science and technology.

In the first convocation of the institution, some 2,687 students were conferred graduation from the year 1984-85 to 1992-93.

Hasina said the government is going to introduce a modern and scientific education system according to the recommendation of the national education policy formulation committee.

Steps will be taken to upgrade and modernise the technical education, she said, mentioning that the government

has taken a Tk 152 crore project for establishing 12 science and technological universities in the country.

In the current fiscal year, 16 more polytechnic institutions, including three for female students, will be set up, she added.

The Prime Minister said the government also determined to ensure congenial atmosphere in the educational institution.

She said steps have been taken to stop armed violence in the educational institutions and strict measures are being taken against the terrorists.

"We have no need to depend on terrorists in the party interest as we have an well organised and discipline party. If we get cooperation from other parties we can remove terrorism from the campus for good," she said.

Education Minister A S H K Sadique, BIT Chittagong Chairman Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, BIT council vice chairman Dr Nazrul Islam, BIT Chittagong Director Dr Shaymal Kanti Biswas also spoke on the occasion.