

President inaugurates NEAC meeting

# Education must cater to need of social development

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President Ziaur Rahman on Wednesday stressed the need for job-oriented and vocational educational system to meet the requirements of economic and social development in the country.

Inaugurating the opening session of National Education Advisory Council (NEAC) Wednesday morning at the Atomic Energy Centre auditorium, President Zia said that job-oriented and vocational educational system, instead of subjective education, would contribute more to the development of the country.

The President underlined the importance of education system in realising the hopes and aspirations of a nation and a desirable social development. He said formulation of an appropriate education policy and educational reform, accordingly, would prove successful only when it would play an effective role in our economic development, solving problem of unemployment and raising the standard of living.

President Zia said that the council was formed with a view to formulating an interim education policy for the country which would aim at making the existing education policy realistic and productive. Eminent educationists, representatives of teachers and those devoted to the cause of education had been included in the council, he said.

**INADEQUATE**

President Zia said that the existing education system in the country was absolutely in-

adequate to meet the demands of our economic and social development. Our main objective was development, he said, and added that education system must be made intertwined with that of development to quicken the pace of development and help create values for development activities.

The President stressed the need for halting the decadence of existing education system and wastage of money, labour and time.

President Zia said that in a job-oriented education there was scope for acquiring experience through work, and help arouse consciousness about dig-

nity of labour. In this regard, he said, in a developing country like ours job oriented education system was very important.

President Zia said that the new education system should be evolved in such a way that could help build every student as a perfect man and would meet the requirements of national economic development. The new education system should also include such curricula that would strengthen the moral and human values of the students and ensure their blooming as a man.

The President expressed the

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hope that education advisory council comprising eminent educationists would be able to formulate a proper education policy through free and frank discussion and would make significant contribution to the national welfare.

The inaugural session was addressed by Minister for Education Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Mr. Manzoor-e-Mowla, Secretary of the council. The session was attended among others, by a number of ministers.

**KAZI ZAFAR**

Addressing the meeting Kazi Zafar Ahmed said, the government has constituted the National Education Advisory Council as the first step towards making the country's education system more people oriented and suitable for the age. The council will formulate interim education policy which will be taken to a workshop comprising representatives of teachers and educationists for detailed discussion.

The Minister said, the education report submitted by council as well as the observations and suggestions of the workshop will be compiled and published by the Education Ministry. We are also going to arrange a national debate where students, workers, middle class and intellectuals will be able to make their comments on the report, he added.

Mr. Ahmed who is also the chairman of the NEAC, said, the existing education system of our country has no relation with the practical life. He said, the present education system also has no relation whatsoever with problems of the students.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said, our education system is to be made production-oriented and it has to develop heart to heart relations with the national con-

ditions. He said, under the new education system the educational institutions will be community and people-base where the students will take part in the development activities with the neighbouring people as a part of their curricula. He said, more emphasis will be given on science, technical, agriculture and other vocational knowledge to turn the education system into production-oriented one.