

## Mining Science Deptt to be opened at BUET

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Mr A Z M Enayetullah Khan, Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources, on Thursday announced that a Department of Mining Science would be opened at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in order to facilitate the study of practical exploration of mineral resources.

Inaugurating the week-long science exhibition by the Faculty of physical and Mathematical Science of Jahangir Nagar University, the Minister underlined its importance in view of priority the country attached to exploration of the mineral resources of the country.

Presided over by Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Vice-Chancellor, Jahangir Nagar University, the inaugural session was addressed, among others, by Prof. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Dacca University and Dr. Shafiqullah, Dean of the Faculty of Science.

BSS adds: The Minister said the proposal for opening the mining department was now lying between the Education Ministry and the University of Engineering and Technology and hoped that the Department would start functioning very soon.

Terming science as a 'creative pursuit' the Minister said that free thinking and a congenial environment are imperative to allow the scientists to innovate and contribute to the social requirements.

Mr Enayetullah Khan called upon the middle class intelligentsia to organise itself to give leadership to rid the nation of the anarchism that in the past jeopardised our social, economic, political and intellectual life. It is the socio-political responsibility of the middle class, he said.

Addressing the function, Prof. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury stressed the need for extending the base of scientific and technological research.

He said the scientists today should give more importance to the applied aspects to solve social, economic and industrial problems of the country.