

National Science Week opens

By A Staff Reporter

The first National Science Week and science fair began throughout the country on Friday to popularise science and to encourage scientific talents to pool their creative energy for national development.

Organised by the National Council of Science and Technology (NCST) the programme for Science Week includes science fairs, exhibitions, debates and essay competitions at district headquarters with the participation of science students, teachers, professional and amateur scientists, science clubs and scientific organisations.

In Dacca the Science Week and fair was inaugurated by Prof M. Innas Ali, Science Adviser to the President at the Teachers Training College. About 23 schools and colleges and science clubs are participating in the fair at Dacca.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Innas Ali explained the background of holding the Science Week and fairs for the first

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time in the country. He said the week has been arranged with a view to popularising the science and encourage scientific talents to utilise their expertise for the benefit of the masses.

The function was presided over by Mr Abdur Razzak, Additional Director of Public Instruction. Khan Mohammad Sirajul Islam, Director, Science Museum and Dr A.K.M. Obaidullah, Principal, Teachers Training College also addressed the function.

Dr Ali said that the country had a large number of scientific personnel and manpower. 'Besides our scientists and students are no less brilliant than their western counterparts. We only need to mobilise and encourage them to come forward with their innovative minds for application of science towards attaining self-sufficiency and national upliftment,' Dr Innas Ali observed.

He also said that the NCST had so far provided 200 fellowships to science students to carry out research, and there would not be any dearth of fellowships in future so that science students did not become jobless after their passing out from different universities and institutes. Dr Ali said.