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Plan to educate the handicapped taken up

By A Staff Reporter

Vice-President, Mr Justice Abdus Sattar said on Saturday that the Government has taken up a plan to educate and train up the physically handicapped in the country with a view to rehabilitating them.

The Vice-President was inaugurating programmes for observing the Deaf Welfare Week at the office premises of the Bangladesh National Federation of the Deaf.

The inaugural function was also addressed by Mr Mohiuddin Ahmed and Manjoor Ahmed, President and General Secretary of the Federation, Mr. Alamgir Kabir, President, Bangladesh Family Planning Association and Lion Jabbar Khan.

He said that the National Education Commission in its report had suggested the expansion of educational facilities for the physically handicapped including the deaf. The Commission had also recommended formulation of syllabi for the handicapped and called for introducing special training programmes for them. He said that it would be possible to expand the special educational facilities for handicapped people as well as raise the standard of such education when these suggestions are implemented in the near future.

Vice-President, Mr Justice Abdus Sattar said that at present there were about 13 Government and non-Government schools for the deaf. He said that the Government was alive to the need for increasing the number of such schools.