

# Edn policy based on Khuda Commission report soon: Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday said that the work for formulating a national education policy in the light of Kudrat-e-Khuda Commission which was as per guidelines of the Father of the Nation will be completed soon, reports BSS.

Speaking at the prize giving ceremony on the concluding day of the Primary Education Week '97 at Osmany Memorial Hall, she said the new policy, which is being formulated, would be the state guidelines in the field of education.

Education Minister ASHK Sadeque, Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Jinatun Nessa Talukdar and Secretary, Primary and Mass Education Division Dr. Saadat Hossain also spoke on the occasion.

The Prime Minister said that development at any level could not be achieved without an educated people and an efficient manpower. She said her government had attached highest priority to the spread of primary education to free the nation from the

curse of illiteracy.

She said that highest allocation of Taka 3,992.70 crore has been made for education sector in the proposed National Budget of 1997-98. She said the allocation is 3.56 per cent higher than the previous year.

She further said that there is proposal for three experimental arrangements in the proposed 1997-98 budget for attaining higher excellence in the field of education. The proposal includes giving grants to the schools set up by local people and non-government organisation (NGOs), she said, adding allocation of Taka 25 crore has also been proposed in this sector.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recalled the contribution of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for attaching great importance to primary education and had incorporated primary education as the basic right of the people in the country's Constitution.

She said Bangabandhu national-  
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ised 36,165 primary schools and gave government status to 1,55,742 primary teachers in 1973. She said after the assassination of the Father of the Nation an education policy devoid of principle, imprudent was in force for the past 21 years.

Prime Minister Hasina said that her government had already taken steps to let the posterity know about the correct history of the War of Liberation by writing true history of the liberation in the text books. She said that a committee comprising seven eminent educationists has completed the task.

She said unlike the past the text books had reached the students of primary and secondary level on time. She pointed out that a committee has been working to bring the kindergarten system of education under specific rules. She said that stipend and exemption of fees for girl students at the secondary level in 460 thanas have been taken up by the government.

Turning to the teachers, the Prime Minister said that a teacher is an architect of bringing up a proper man. She said that a proper and complete education cannot be imparted without an efficient and trained teacher. She said efforts have been made to impart training to the teachers suiting the needs of the hour.

The Prime Minister later gave awards and certificates to 119 students, teachers, schools, mass education officials and organisations for their contribution to promotion of education in the country.

Ministers, members of parliament, educationists, high officials and a large number of guardians were also present at the function.