

BOU convocation today

The second convocation of Bangladesh Open University, the only off-campus educational institution of the country, will be held at its Gazipur campus today (Tuesday), reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who is also Chancellor of the university, will attend the convocation at 10.30 am and distribute certificates among B.Ed graduates of June 1995 session.

The announcement was made at a press conference in a city hotel Saturday afternoon.

BOU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Aminul Islam, Treasurer, Dr Anwar Hossain, Dean of BOU Open School Prof Shamsul Kabir, Media Director Syed Lutfi Ali and Information Adviser Mohsinuddin Ahmed addressed the press conference.

The conference was told that some 380 BEd graduates out of 2,550 had registered their names to receive their certificates from the Chancellor on the day.

The first convocation of the Open University, which has the largest enrolment with about 80,000 students across the country, was held in 1995. The then Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia distributed certificates among the BEd graduates as Chancellor.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said the main objective of the university is to create an educated, trained workforce by providing access to a wide range of educational programmes and vocational training for all levels of people.

Its programmes are particularly targeted to the underprivileged rural masses, including women, as the country faces the challenge of its nearly 112 million population.

He said the university had already introduced seven formal programmes, including Bachelor of Education (BEd), Secondary School Certificate (SSC), Certificate in English Language Proficiency (CELP) and Diploma in Management, and would introduce some more programmes like MBA, BSc in Nursing, HSC and Diploma in Computer Applications.

The Bangladesh Open University Project, undertaken with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank in 1992, is scheduled to be completed by June 1998.