

President for priority to technical edn Involve unemployed youths in production

The 20th National Science and Technology Week was launched on Thursday to apprise the juveniles and youths of the developments in science and technology, reports BSS.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed inaugurated the week at Osmany Memorial auditorium which will be open for public from 10 am to 5 pm with a recess for 2 hours. One hundred and forty-six science projects from 73 centres of the country have been put up in the exhibition. Ministry of Science and Technology organised the National Science and Technology Week.

President Shahabuddin said the Science and Technology policy should be recast keeping eyes on the next century for creating new work strategy.

He stressed the need for taking up long-term plans for improvement of science and technology and expanding the fields of its application.

The President called for coordination between the application of Science and Technology and the demand for technological science to achieve the cherished goal.

"Priority should be given to technical education for transforming the huge population into human resources. Technical education must be obtainable to the learners, Justice Shahabuddin said.

The inaugural ceremony was also addressed by Education Minister A S H K Sadek, Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology Md. Fazlur Rahman, and Director of Mathematics and Physical Science Research Centre Prof Jamal Nazrul Islam.

The President said the social and economic development would be hampered if we fail to accommodate the crisis-ridden unemployed youths in the production process effectively.

Strategic and proper expansion of science and technology are required for improvement of the standard of

living and enriching the country economically. Justice Shahabuddin said adding the national development and progress depend on proper application of science and technology to a great extent.

The President said, "It's true that application of science and technology is not possible without investment."

He, however, regretted that awareness of science was yet to be created in our country and

called for motivated the youths to grow interest in science and technology. "I believe that the youths of our country will be able to go ahead equally with the present world if they are provided patronisation."

A S H K Sadek said the objective of the National Science and Technology Week was to make the nation science-oriented. Creativity lies in the science and technology, he observed.

Mr Sadek said the government has taken a decision to "construct Bangabandhu planetarium to impart knowledge about sun, moon, planets and stars to our juveniles and youths.

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