

## Science Museum

While inaugurating the temporary new building of the science museum, Prof. Syed All Ahsan, Presidential Adviser for Education and Culture, emphasised the importance of a science museum and its role in acquainting the people with the past history, present developments in science and also its prospects for the welfare of mankind.

Science is one of the major activities of the human mind, in this respect resembling art, religion, or philosophy, which can be understood only in relation to their past history. Scientific knowledge being extremely diverse, is difficult to comprehend and hence for laymen and others a science museum can help in giving some fundamental knowledge about this great body of thought. Systematic and unbiased observation and examination of records can lead to classification, which can gradually constitute a scientific method for an inquisitive mind.

Let us hope that the science museum which has just been inaugurated will help in imparting knowledge of science to our peo-

ple, especially students and thus bring welfare to the society as a whole. A research programme on the contribution of Muslim scientists, as has been hinted, by one of the speakers in the inaugural ceremony, will also go a long way in introducing the great Muslim scientists of the past in their proper perspective, for better appreciation. The objective of scientific analysis is to reach a series of points, from which the mind can return along its tracks to arrange its findings into a theory or generalization. Consciousness is the ultimate datum, science must recite its narrative of experience of phenomena. This recital is the rule of science.

If the museum is able to arouse enough consciousness amongst the people about this great body of knowledge, without which modern development is not possible, then it will prove its worth. The future expansion programme and activities of the museum should be geared in such a way as can serve this purpose to the satisfaction of all and contribute to the development process of the country.