

Laws to be updated: PM

Disabled students must get common facilities

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday directed the authorities concerned to take steps to allow all mentally and physically challenged children to study and grow up with every other common child of the country, reports UNB.

She further said that her government will modify the existing child laws and charters, enacted in 1974, for greater welfare of the children of the country.

Sheikh Hasina revealed her government's new thinking for child welfare while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the National Children's Day and Children's Week-2009 at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city.

This year the day and the week are being observed with the theme "Shishu Surakkhar Adhikar, Din Badaler Ongikar" (Right to Protect Children Well, Commitment for Changed Days).

The Prime Minister in her address requested all to give special attention to the mentally and physically challenged children of the society.

She said the mentally and physically challenged children are not a separate part of the society. They must be given such environment where they will have equal facilities to grow up with every other children of the society.

"I am directing the Ministry concerned to ensure it

immediately that physically and mentally challenged children are allowed to grow up and study with the other normal children of the society. I want they get a normal environment," the Prime

Minister said. Sheikh Hasina made a special request to the normal children to always show sympathy and love towards the children with mental and (See Back Page Col. 7)

Disabled students

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physical problems. She said the medical treatment facility for the disabled children is one of those sectors that deserve best attention of the state and the society.

"Only government or the state can't ensure the desired treatment facilities for the disabled children. This is very expensive. State, government, various institutions, and affluent members of the society need to come forward unitedly to give the mentally and physically challenged children necessary medicare facilities."

The Prime Minister in her address voiced concern as child workers were still being used in many workplaces and promised to put an end to child labor during the rule of

She was also critical of using children in political purposes saying that such use can cause physical and mental harm to children.

The Prime Minister also urged all concerned to make sure children are not used in political purposes.

Hasina said human resource development is a must for attaining the long cherished economic emancipation of the world people and only the children with healthy mind and body, and socioeconomic security can ensure that kind of human resource development.

"Our children are the foundation of our future. They (children) will take the responsibility at every level and sector in the future. For our own betterment, our children must be given all

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