

PM for public exams in Class V, VIII

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PRIME Minister Sheikh Hasina on Sunday called for continuation of public examinations in Class-V and Class-VIII saying those were playing crucial role in confidence building of students for secondary school certificate examination.

'The main objective of introducing the new system in 2009 was to ensure equal opportunity to every student for learning, build up their confidence, remove fear in public examinations and give scholarship to students based on the results,' she said.

'But, suddenly I am observing some criticism on the issue and as a section of people came up with the

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suggestion to stop the examinations. But, their claim doesn't suit to the reality,' the prime minister said.

She added: previously a few number of students would have been selected for extra care from schools to prepare them for examination only for scholarship in Class-V and Class-VIII, and in that case other students were neglected.

'Out of that thought, she said, we have decided to introduce the new examination system and give scholarships to the students based on their results,' she said inaugurating the National Primary Education Week-2017.

Minister for primary and mass education Mostafizur Rahman presided over the function organised by the ministry at Osmani Memo-

rial Hall in the capital.

Acting secretary of the ministry Mohammad Asifuz-Zaman and director general of Directorate of Primary Education M Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal addressed the function, among others.

On the occasion, the prime minister distributed prizes among the winners of sports and cultural events of Inter-primary School Competition-2016.

She also distributed the National Primary Education Award-2016 among nineteen officials, PTI superintendent, instructor, education loving social worker and teachers for their outstanding contribution to development of primary education.

This year's National Primary Education Week has begun with the slogan-

'Shikkar Alo Jalbo, Digital Bangladesh Gorbo' (let us illuminate light of education, let us build digital Bangladesh).

Pointing out the steps taken by her government for development of primary education the prime minister said there was no alternative to grooming up the children with proper education as they were the country's future.

Standard primary education could build solid foundation of an educated nation, she said.

Hasina called upon the teachers to render their services sincerely to build up the foundation of the future generation from very tender age to create them as ideal citizens of the country as dreamt by the Father of the Nation.

'You have to give attention to the kids to pursue their education attentively,' she said adding the spirit of patriotism should be infused in students from early age in addition to letting them know the country's real history to grow self-confidence and affection for the country and people.'

'Teaching is a great profession. You have come to the profession by choice. So you have to perform your duty very sincerely as the government has taken all measures for your salary hike and status,' she said.

In this regard the prime minister urged the teachers to follow the proper methods to increase students' attention to education instead of always tell them for learning, which is never acceptable to them.