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16 govt women colleges to be set up soon

Govt committed to expansion of female education: PM

GOPALGANJ, Nov 8: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today declared that 16 government women colleges would be set up in sixteen districts of the country, reports BSS.

Addressing the teachers, guardians and students of Sheikh Fazilatunnessa Mahila College here this afternoon on the occasion of unveiling the plaque of the college the Prime Minister said that the government had a plan to set up at least one government women college in each district of the country. According to latest statistics government women colleges were yet to be established in 16 districts including Gopalganj, she said adding that to fulfil the government decision either new government colleges would be set up or the existing suitable colleges would be nationalised in those 16 districts. "Fazilatunnessa Mahila College will be one of these 16 colleges," she told amid cheers of the students, teachers and guardians.

Education Minister A S H K

Sadak, Chairman of the college Managing Committee and Deputy Commissioner of Gopalganj A J M Salauddin Ahmed and Principal of the college Babu Rajendra Nath Das also spoke on the occasion. Minister of State for Youth and Sports Qbaidul Quader, Lt. Col (retd) Faruque Khan MP, Sheikh Helaluddin MP, Prof. Khaleda Kanoon MP,

Gopalganj District Awami League General Secretary Sheikh Mohammad Shahidullah were, among others, present on the occasion.

Congratulating the Managing Committee for naming the college after Sheikh Fazilatunnessa Mujib the Prime Minister said that her humble mother left invaluable contributions from behind the screen through giving inspiration to the Father of the Nation Bengabandhu Sheikh Mujib to render dedicated services to the cause of the nation.

The Prime Minister said that her government was committed for expansion of women education in the country as it was not possible to bring any good to the nation keeping half of its population under the darkness of illiteracy.

She said even in the war-torn post independent Bangladesh when Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman took the responsibility of running the country

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empty handed had declared women education free upto class eight which demonstrated his government's keenness for expansion of women education.

Again referring to Begum Mujib the Prime Minister said that when she was under captivity during the nine months of Liberation War begum Mujib rendered invaluable services through making necessary liaison with various circles in favour of the Liberation struggle. "we have to sacrifice our family comforts as my father was always busy in serving the cause of the nation and our mother underwent all kinds of sufferings considering the interest of the nation. "Bangabandhu had said that he wanted welfare of the people more than that of his own family," Sheikh Hasina said adding that she felt proud of his father for such anoble comment.

Earlier, the Prime Minister laid the foundation of Sheikh Fazlul Haq Moni auditorium at the Shilpakala Academy premises here. She offered special munajat on the occasion.

Before her departure for the capital, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation of Sheikh Kamal Stadium which was a long felt demand of the sports fans of the township.