

# Give top priority to engineering production: Zia

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President Ziaur Rahman on Tuesday asked the National Council for Science and Technology to take steps to popularise science among the masses specially among the students, reports BSS.

The President was presiding over a meeting of the Council held at Bangabhaban on Tuesday.

As a part of popularisation programme of science he urged the scientists to visit schools, colleges and universities and deliver popular lectures on science and technology. He directed all schools, colleges, universities and research institutions such as the Atomic Energy Commission, BCSIR and Defence Science organisation to organise science exhibitions for which necessary funds will be available.

The President observed that science and technology should be given top priority without which the development of a country could not take place.

With a view to giving science and technology the high priority it deserves, it was decided that the Science and Technology Division will be placed under the Cabinet Secretariat.

The President further directed that top priority be given for the establishment of engineering production workshops throughout the country as also for the national computer centre, research reactor, Rooppur nuclear power plant and Landsat ground station.

He also directed the Council to submit a full report within one month on the utilisation of the national science and technology fellowships.