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## Education must for alleviating poverty: PM

SUNDARGANJ (Gaibandha), June 13:—Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here today that the BNP government had created such opportunities enabling all the children to get themselves educated, reports BSS.

“Poverty will remain no more if all the people can be educated properly and the BNP government is working to help the people attain this goal”, she said while addressing a huge public meeting at Sundarganj Majumderhat here.

A section of unscrupulous people, she said, often attempt to deceive and cheat the rural people, taking advantage of their simplicity.

The rural people, who lack education, often fall prey to those bad people in different ways, she said.

The BNP government, she said, had been implementing programmes on to make all the people aware of their rights through education.

No vested quarters, she said, would not able to exploit or deceive the poorer sections of the people if they could be educated.

Referring to the introduction of compulsory primary education, adult education, free education for female students upto class ten outside the municipal area, and stipend for them, and food for education programme the Prime Minister said that the government's epoch-making steps in the education sector had increased the rate of literacy.

Such an atmosphere, she said, had now been created that would enable even the children of peasants, workers and the commonman to become doctors, engineers, educationists, top government officials, MPs and ministers.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, former minister and BNP standing committee member Dr RA Gani, Shahjahan Siraj MP, Prof Abdul Hafiz MP, Mrs Rebeka Mahmud MP and local leaders Mazharul Islam, Jahangir Alam Jinnah, Abu Bakar, and Abdur Rahim Badsha.