

Centenary of Victoria College celebrated

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Apr. 28:— The centenary of the Comilla Victoria College was celebrated on April 24 in a befitting manner. The former students of the college organized the centenary celebration function at the college premises.

A grand rally of students wearing different types of dresses making themselves attractive with band party was brought out on the campus on the occasion. The whip of Parliament Mujibul Haq inaugurated the rally at 8.30 a.m. The Minister without portfolio and ex-student of the college Rafiqul Islam was the chief guest.

The chief guest said that the government would not tolerate any form of terrorism on the campus for unhindered education in the country. The educational institutions are places where our children will acquire knowledge. It is a sacred place and no sound of arms is desirable

on the campus" he said.

Mr. Ananda Chandra Roy, an eminent social worker of Comilla, established the college in 1899. Initially it had started functioning in a small building and latter shifted to the present site.

Presided over by old victorian and former secretary Mofajjal Karim the inaugural function was addressed by M. Shahidullah, old victorian BUET teacher Dr. Golam Mohiuddin, 70-year old former student of the college Fatema Khair, District Awami League president Prof. Khorshed Alam, Programme co-ordinator Golam Faruque, former Principal, Prof. Amir Ali Chowdhury, Present Principal Ahmed Fazlul Karim and the leaders of the Awami League, BNP, JP, Jamat-e-Islami, Jubo League, Jubo Dal, Chhatra League, Chhatra Dal, Chhatra Shibir, Chhatra Union and Chhatra Front.

A cultural function was also held. The ex-students, present students and local artists participated in the cultural function.

Marking the centenary function the college campus was decorated tastefully and the entire district town wore a festive look.

Thousands of farmers and students gathered on the campus to take part in the day long programme.

The final programme will be held on November 24 next. It will be 137th birth day of the college founder Ananda Chandra Roy.

Earlier a seven-month long centenary celebration programme of Comilla Victoria College organised by Victoria College Praktan Sikharthee Samity Old Victorian was chalked out.