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Education is yardstick of civilisation: Raushan

First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad on Saturday said the government had undertaken a plan to set up a number of educational institutions in the city to meet the growing demands, reports BSS.

The First Lady was speaking at the annual prize-giving ceremony of Vgarunnessa Noon Girls School in Dhaka.

Begum Ershad said education is the yardstick of civilisation. Equal education opportunities should be given to men and women to ensure proper mental and social development, she said.

She said congenial atmosphere in the educational institutions was a must for learning. Conscious and educated section of the society should perform its responsibilities in this regard, she added.

Begum Ershad said teachers and students should work together to maintain congenial atmosphere in the educational arena. Students should best utilise the opportunities to develop their latent talents, she said, adding that they should develop their talents through sports and culture for the proper growth of mind.

Referring to women's education in the country Begum Ershad said education is the

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only way to establish them in the society vocational and technical education should be given due importance, she said.

On rural women Begum Ershad said the light of education should be spread to bring an end to their years of neglect and deprivation. We must endeavour to change their life style and give them equal status in the society, she stressed.

She urged the students of the school to become worthy citizens and shoulder future responsibilities of the nation.

The function was addressed, among others, by Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Chairman of the School's Governing Body Dr. Amena Rahman and Principal Hamida Ali. Education Secretary Hayat Ahmed and a large number of parents of the students were present on the occasion.