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Education vital for uplift: Raushan

First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad said in Dhaka on Monday that national development was largely dependent on the spread of education, reports ESS.

She said education was the backbone of a nation and added that the nation would make real progress only when the entire population became educated. Efforts should be undertaken to arouse interest in education and make it available to all, she emphasised.

Begum Raushan Ershad was addressing a big students' gathering at Jagannath Universi-

ty College premises on Monday morning.

The First Lady said that proper atmosphere in the institutions must be ensured for imparting education. She reminded the teachers and students of their responsibilities and added without their collective efforts there could not be any proper education.

She said the educated and efficient persons were the primary resource for nation building activities. The standard of education must be upheld at any cost to produce worth citi-

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zens to shoulder national responsibilities, she added.

The First Lady said the seeds of our future development lie in today's students. She said the students by devoting themselves to the pursuit of knowledge could contribute in national development.

Begum Raushan Ershad recalled the contributions of the students during the floods and praised them for their selfless service to the cause of humanity.

Referring to the erosion of values among the youths, she said it was unfortunate that youths were being dragged to the use of drugs. The youths must be put on the right track through the collective endeavour of all, she added.

The First Lady stressed the need for creating jobs for the youths despite our limitations. She wished the students success in life to brighten the faces of their guardians.

The function was also addressed, among others, by Administrator of Dhaka Municipal Corporation M. A. Malek Syed Mahtabuddin, Principal of the college and Mr. Alamgir Sikdar Loton and Mr. Jahangir Sikdar Chotaon, Vice President and General Secretary respectively of the college students union.

On arrival at the college premises Begum Raushan Ershad was given a rousing reception and profusely garlanded. Later she handed over to the college authority keys of two buses in the fulfilment of her earlier commitment to the students for their use.