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Talents urged to oppose copying

DHAKA, Aug 15 (BSS): First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad today called upon the meritorious students to raise their voice against copying in the examinations and help create a strong public opinion against this social vice.

The First Lady was addressing as the chief guest a reception organised by the Education Ministry in honour of the students who secured top posi-

tions in the Secondary School Certificate Examination, 1989 in the four boards of the country. The reception was held at Osmany Memorial Hall here this morning.

Presided over by Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam the function was addressed by State Minister for Education Nitai Roy Chowdhury, Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed, and two distinguished students — Mostafa Mohammad Riyad and Towhida Khatun.

Begum Ershad said that copying at the examination halls had vitiated the academic atmosphere in the country. It is high time that we should fight against this vice to save our generations, she added.

The First Lady also urged the students to spend their time in quest of knowledge and not indulge in politics. You are the mirror of the nation, she said adding the future of the country depends on you.

Referring to the drug abuse in the country, the First Lady said we must make sincere efforts to save the vast youth forces from the curse of drug.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Shahidul Islam said the education ministry, for the first time, had arranged a reception for the talented students of the country.

The Minister said the government of President Ershad would always inspire the meritorious students to become worthy citizens.

Mr Nitai Roy Chowdhury said the previous governments had delivered arms to students instead of books and flowers. Those governments were responsible in creating law and order situation in the educational institutions during their reign, he added.

The First Lady later handed over gifts to the students. She was also presented with a crest by the Education Minister.

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