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## Education main tool for overall dev : Musharraf

DAUDKANDI (Comilla), Aug 17 : Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said the present government had attached topmost priority to education sector for alleviating poverty and human resources development.

"Education is the main tool to achieve the target of poverty alleviation and human resources development and overall socio-economic development of the country", The Energy Minister said this while paying a visit to different educational institutions in the localities.

The Minister was accompanied by the Canadian High commissioner to Bangladesh, Mr Jon J Scott. He briefed the Canadian Envoy the method of teaching, infrastructural position and education policy of Bangladesh.

Outlining the plans and policies of the present government for freeing the country from the curse of illiteracy, Dr Mosharraf said we have started to launch some epoch making programmes like 'Food for Education, Programme and Free Education for female students upto class ten'. "These programmes have been yielding positive results marking tremendous change in education", he said.

The Canadian high commissioner lauded the educational programmes of the government and assured all out help to implement human resources programmes. He said Canada had so far provided two billion us dollars since 1971 for the socio-economic development of Bangladesh. Bangladesh is the highest recipient of Canadian aid which is being provided about 50 million US dollars every year.

The Minister and the Envoy also planted some sapplings at educational institutions premises.

The visit includes Daudkandi High School, Daudkandi Girls high School, Shahidnagar Primary School, Baropara Girls High School, Gowripur Subal Aftab High School, Daudkandi Primary School and Eidgah Primary School.

Later, the minister attended Mukti Joddah Naval Commando conference at Gowripur and witnessed a football match held at the Subal Aftab high School premise.

Prof Alatafunnesa Maya and Dr Jastmuddin also accompanied the minister.