

## Varsity at Barisal soon: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said in Dhaka on Thursday that all-out efforts were to be made for further development of the socio-economic condition of the country, reports BSS.

The people in general, their elected representatives and the government machinery must work unitedly for the betterment of the people, he added, reports BSS.

President Biswas was talking to a delegation of Chairmen and members of the Union Parishads of Barisal Sadar, when they called on him at Bangabhaban on Thursday. It was led by Mohammed Shahjahan Bhuiyan, Chairman of Charkawa Union Parishad.

President Biswas said that we must remove the curse of illiteracy from the country adding that without enhancing the rate of literacy no nation can prosper. In this connection, he laid stress on checking drop-outs at the primary level education, which has been made compulsory. There is no difference between a girl and a boy today if they could be properly educated and trained up for undertaking future responsibilities, he added.

Referring to their demand for early implementation of Sikarpur-Duarika bridge project, President Biswas said that since it was a commitment of the government, Inshallah it will be materialised as early as possible establishment of a full-fledged University at Barisal will also be materialised in course of time, he added.

Among others, Chairmen of the Union Parishads, Mr. Aftabuddin, Mostafizul Haq, Abdul Aziz, Abul Bashar Sultan, Abdul Wajed Howladar,

Abdur Rashid and Parul Begum and former Chairman Mr. Israel Pandit and Jubadal Secretary of Barisal Mr. Abdur Rahman Tapan were present on the occasion.

Later, a delegation of Hindu community led by Bankim Chandra Bepari of Saistabad, Barisal, called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban. They informed the President that complete communal harmony has been prevailing and they are living in peace and amity in the area. They sought President's help for further improvement of some of the local temples.

President gave them a patient hearing and assured all support in this connection.

A 15-member delegation of teachers and members of the governing body of Satkhira Alia Madrasah called on President Biswas at Bangabhaban on Thursday.

They apprised the President of some of the difficulties of the madrasah and sought his help for its development. President Biswas gave them a patient hearing and assured to look into the matter.

Among others, Principal Mohammed Shamsur Rahman, Mr. Mohammad Tozammel Hossain, Alhaj Solaiman Gazi, Mr. Mohammed Nurul Islam, Moulana Habibur Rahman Mohaddis, Mr. Mobarak Ali, Mr. Monsur Rahman and Mr. Amir Ali were present on the occasion.

Later, another delegation led by Alhaj Maulana Shah Abdul Aziz, Peer Saheb of Mukamia Darbar Sharif of Barguna called on the President. They stayed with the President for some time.

Among others, Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hussain Chowdhury, former Chief of Air Staff was present.