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## Steps to educate all children being taken

NARAYANGANJ, Jan. 14 (BSS): First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad said here today that steps were being taken to provide education to all children to build the future generation into a competent work force.

She said the process of development would not be expedited unless the door to education was opened to all.

The First Lady was addressing a mammoth rally of people from all walks of life including workers and employees of Adamjee Jute Mills after laying the foundation stone of a Pathakali School at Adamjee Nagar. Jute Minister Mahbubur Rahman and Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

The First Lady said the present government was making efforts to improve the life of the working people who were contributing to the economic development of the country side by side establishing health and education system for the prosperous future of their children.

She said Pathakali School had been established to enable the distressed children to enhance their position in so-

ciety. She said Pathakali Medical Centres had been set up to ensure proper medicare to deprived children.

Begum Ershad said population boom was becoming a serious problem for the nation and urged all to realise the gravity of the problem otherwise, with the present rate of growth, baby boom would become more serious even after five years.

Begum Ershad said half of our population was women and over all development of the nation could not be achieved without enhancing the position of the women in the society.

She said dowry was a social crime for us, so it had to be eliminated from the society through concerted effort.

She called upon all sections of people to come forward with determination to free the society from the curse of dowry.