

Women's efforts to bring progress: Biswas

## Education of girls in mass scale may change society

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Saturday said that education of girls, in a mass scale, could rapidly change the society and at the same time contribute to an improvement of the quality of life of the people, reports BSS.

Talking to a 22-member delegation comprising the headmaster, the executive committee members and teachers of Prafulla Naha Secondary Girls School of Barisal sadar who called on him at Bangabhaban the President said that the present government was making highest investment for rapid spread of education across Bangladesh including among the girls.

Education of girls outside the municipal areas upto class eight is provided free of cost to encourage female education in Bangladesh, he said.

The delegation sought the president's help for further development of the educational institutions of their area.

The delegation included, among others, Ashraf Ali Hawlader, Sekander Ali Hawlader, Anisur Rahman Mridha, Benoy Krishna Kundu, Asmat Ali Khan and Shahjahan Ali Khan.

Later, a delegation comprising the Managing Committee members of Betagi senior Madrasa under Barguna district called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas to discuss some of their difficulties.

The delegation included, among others, Col. Mohd Sekander Hussain, Humayan Kabir Hero, Mohd. Abdul Jabbar, Alhaj Abdul Khaleque, Razul Karim Faruque Sikder

and Nazimul Huda Sikder.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Saturday called for initiative from the women of the country to make the society more tolerant and progressive by freeing it from the curses of illiteracy and indiscipline.

Talking to the members of Procheshta, a self-development organisation of women who called on him at Bangabhaban the President said that women, in particular could take a lead to free the society from illiteracy.

Referring to the government's efforts in developing the social status of the women through extended education programme, in Bangladesh, the President said, a family could benefit much if the mother was educated.

An educated mother can guide her children to grow in the right direction, he said.

Mentioning the changed circumstances and old concept of over dependence of government and private jobs President Biswas said people have become more conscious of building their own future by initiating various self-employment projects.

He said, such opportunities are wide and varied and observed that the younger generation should utilise their valuable time right from the beginning of their career.

This will inspire others, he said, and advised them to extend their activities and ideals to the villages so that women in larger number could direct their energies to develop various income-generating activities to improve their own as well as social conditions.