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Education is symbol of uplift: Raushan

First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad on Wednesday underlined the need for developing the country's education system to keep pace with the developing world. She said education was a symbol of development and progress and each nation is identified by its progress in the field of education reports BSS.

The First Lady was addressing the concluding function of the Education Week-1989 at the Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka. The week was organised by the Education Ministry. Begum Ershad said more educated the people more developed was the country. Development of society largely depends on education.

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She stressed the need for evaluating the achievement in the education sector during the last 18 years and to take necessary steps to develop it further. Education should be aimed at the welfare of the nation and to help build up worthy citizens she added. The function was addressed among others by the Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam and the Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed. Begum Ershad said educated and conscious people should come forward to develop the nation and spread the light of education to yet unlettered millions. The government has taken a number of steps to develop the education system of the country and these could encourage people to educate themselves she reminded.

She said women could establish their rights in the society through education. Women who have been long deprived of proper education should now find ways to educate themselves she said adding that an educated woman can educate the whole family.

Begum Ershad said teachers, guardians and students should work together to maintain a congenial atmosphere in the educational institutions. Students should properly utilise the opportunities to develop their latent talents she added. Begum Ershad congratulated the Education Minister for holding such a week.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam said the government was determined to ensure education for all by the year 2000.

Later, the First Lady distributed prizes among 24 best educational institutions, 40 best teachers and winners of a cultural competition held on the occasion of the Education Week-1989.

Speaker Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, Cabinet members, high officials and a large number of teachers and students were present on the occasion.

The function was rounded off by a lively cultural show.