

Sports Institute inaugurated

By A Sports Reporter

President H. M. Ershad inaugurated the first ever sports institute of the country, the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan at Jirani on Savar-Kaliakor Highway, some eight kilometres off Dhaka on Monday.

He expressed the hope that this specialised sports institution will help groom young talents who will earn glory for the country in future.

The President said that a ten-year dream has come true with the inauguration of this sports institute.

It was in 1976, the President disclosed that he found a dull atmosphere in the country's sports circle as the Chairman

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President H.M. Ershad inspecting records of the local union parishad during his visit to Savar where he inaugurated Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan on Monday. Maj Gen M.A. Wahed is also seen in the picture. —Times

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of National Sports Control Board had took it as a challenge

to bring a positive change in the sport arena. The purpose of establishing such an institute is to provide normal education to talented youth through planned coaching.

Tracing the history of growth of sports and games in the country, the President said that the attainment of progress in these fields during the last few years is quite encouraging which is evident with the successes of our participants in second SAF Games and other international meets.

He said there was no healthy atmosphere in the sports arena due to ominous activities. "When I took the office of Chairman of Bangladesh Sports Control Board (NSCB) in 1976, the efforts in right perspective began to correct the whole situation in order to steer clear continuous march forward towards progress."

He said that the sports arena as well as the educational fields have to be kept free from politics. He said that politics can by no way be allowed to creep into the sports arena to impede its growth.

The inaugural function over, President Ershad formally inaugurated the institute of sports by unveiling a plaque. He also offered Munajat for the success of the institute. The President then formally unfurled the colours of the institute.

President Ershad also met the students of the institute and talked to them informally.

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