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Nation must give children healthcare, education : Raushan

DHAKA, Oct. 2 (BSS): First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad today said the world should be made habitable by conquering hunger, disease and malnutrition of the children through our dedicated efforts.

She was addressing a children's rally at Pathakhali School at Fatuallah near here today. She went there on a surprise visit early in the morning to see the condition and educational facilities of the school for the working children.

Begum Ershad attended a function, organised in connection with the observance of the World Children's Day at the school premises. This school was set up at the directive of President Ershad for the destitute and working children's education and medicare.

The school is run by Pathakali Trust of which First Lady is the Chairperson.

The children were happy to see the First Lady amid them and chanted slogans in observance of the day.

Begum Ershad said it was an obligation of the nation to build the children as worthy citizens by providing them with educational facilities, proper medicare and all other opportunities. Comparing the children with flowers, she said human emotion should blend with love for children which would help them groom in an atmosphere cherished by us.

Speaking about various steps undertaken by the government for the children, the First Lady said the Shishu Academy, Shishu Sadans and the Pathakali Trust have been formed for their welfare. She termed Pathakali as a great concept toward making the life of under privileged children meaningful and valuable.

Pointing to the setting up of three medicare centres for the working children she urged the well-to do sections to come forward to help them.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Chief Whip M A Sattar and Chairman of Narayanganj District Council Bahlul Huq MP, spoke on the occasion.

The First Lady distributed sweets among the children and instructed the officials to supply uniform immediately to the Pathakalis with its monogram in all the schools run by the trust.

Later she visited a medicare centre set up for the treatment of the working children and talked to the mothers who came there with their children.

Begum Ershad also visited the houses of the working children living in the nearby huts and talked to their mothers enquiring about their earnings.

She instructed the authorities to help increase their earnings by arranging suitable works for them.