

Past glory to be revived : Ershad Educational steps yielding results

DHAKA, Oct. 7 (BSS): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad said here today that various steps taken for the restoration of proper and healthy academic atmosphere in the educational arena had already started yielding positive results.

Speaking at the regular monthly meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities at the International Conference Centre, the President expressed the confidence that with the help of all concerned we shall be able to regain our past glory.

At the outset of the meeting, the Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam gave an overall picture of the situation prevailing in the campuses and said confidence among the general students had been restored as a result of the measures taken by the government.

The meeting reviewed the progress of implementation of the decisions taken in the earlier meetings. The President expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the initiatives taken by the Education Ministry and the University Grants Commission in this regard.

The meeting discussed various measures for updating the 1973 University Ordinance. The President directed the Univer-

sity Grants Commission to expedite its finalisation in consultation with all concerned.

The President ordered for the restoration of the Mymensingh Agriculture University Railway Station considering the problems being faced by the students and in appreciation of the peaceful situation prevailing in the university.

The railway station was earlier closed down following violence centering the station.

State Minister for Education Nitai Roy Chowdhury, Chairman of the University Grants Commission and National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan, Principal Secretary to the President A H Sadique and Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed were present.

Ershad sees model of Pathakali schools

DHAKA, Oct. 7 (BSS): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today saw the model of the Pathakali schools to be set up in different parts of the country and approved it.

The model kept provisions for five class rooms, two skill development rooms — one for the boys and one for the girls — one medical room for providing outdoor treatment of the Pathakalis and one teachers common room.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam and Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed were present on the occasion.