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Success of primary education plan depends on parents: Ershad

LALMONIRHAT, Jan. 17.— President Hussain Muhammad Ershad Wednesday said that the success of the Government decision regarding the compulsory primary education would depend on the cooperation of the parents, says BSS.

The President urged the parents to send their wards to the school and avail the facilities offered for the education of the children and make the programme a success.

"My Government's motto is to impart primary education to each and every child of the country, the President said while addressing a mammoth public meeting at the premises of the local Majida Khatun Girls College and a series of roadside meetings on his way here from Burimari.

He said the decision to make the primary education compulsory had been taken to impart basic knowledge of reading, writing and counting to each and every citizen and thereby improve the quality of manpower, enabling them to choose what was good or bad for them.

President Ershad flew into Burimari this morning and from there proceeded towards Lalmonirhat by road to see the progress of construction work of the Burimari-Lalmonirhat Road.

Streams of people from all walks of life including women and children thronged all along the 100 kilometre

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road from all directions and waved banners and streamers to greet the President. Flower petals were also showered on the President.

The President traversed the distance in five hours. He stopped at innumerable places to talk to the people and enquire about their welfare apart from addressing the roadside public meetings.

Ceremonial arches were also erected all along the route.

The President addressed the roadside public meetings at Burimari, Patgram, Baura, Halibandha, Votmari and Aditmari. All the meetings were largely attended by people from all streams of life.

On arrival at Lalmonirhat President Ershad was given a rousing reception by hundreds and thousands of people who swarmed on the roads to greet him.

He formally inaugurated the newly built collectorate building of Lalmonirhat and also opened Begum Majida Khatun Girls College named after his mother at the premises of the old collectorate building.

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain accompanied the President.

Addressing the meeting, the President referred to the decision of making female education free upto class eight. This, he said, would help produce better mothers who in turn would be able to educate their children and follow the basic hygienic sense. Educated women would also be able to resist oppression on them and fight problems arising out of the dowry system, he said.

Referring to Burimari-Lalmonirhat Road, President Ershad said it was his Government which first decided to reconstruct and improve the road.