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Raushan calls for peaceful campus

DHAKA, Dec. 26 (BSS): First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad has underscored the need for spreading education for all to achieve national prosperity. She said there is no alternative to education which is considered blessings for a nation.

She was addressing a reception given by the Ministry of Education to the meritorious Students who topped the list in the current year's HSC Examination from four education boards of the country here at the Osmany Memorial Hall today.

Presided over by the Minister for Education Shaikh Shahidul Islam, the function was addressed, among others by State Minister for Education 'Alhaj Mohammad Mansoor Ali Sarker Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed, Zishan Rahman, and Mahjubaumne Salaw, two brilliant students of Dhaka and Rajshahi Board respectively.

Begum Ershad said the present government had given priority to education and accordingly allocations had been made in the current financial year. She said the 1983-84 budget had allocated Tk 1,000 crore for education.

She said the future of a nation depends on the spread of education. She urged all implement the programmes of education for all by the year 2000 successfully.

First Lady said the students should not indulge in corrupt practices in the examinations and called for taking stern measures against unfair means in the examination halls.

Speaking about the violence in the campus she said this should be stopped to ensure peaceful academic atmosphere.

Condemning the killing of Arif, a brilliant student of Dhaka University, she said no conscious man can accept such brutality. We do not want to lose any more Arif she added.

Begin Ershad asked the authority concerned to make a thorough enquiry into the causes of campus violence and take steps to stop them immediately.

She said all should work to ensure proper educational atmosphere and save the students

from uncertainty about their academic life.

First Lady said the students should keep themselves away from moral degredation and build up resistance against the serious social menace like drug abuse.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam said steps were being taken to bring reforms in the examination system in the country.

He said within short time all campuses would be free from violence and steps had already been taken in this regard.

Later, Begum Ershad distributed prizes among the meritorious students of four education boards of the country.