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Raushan urges vocational training for rural women

SUNAMGANJ, March 9: First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad today called for providing the rural women with vocational training so that they could contribute to their family as well as the nation, reports BSS.

She observed that the women folk were neglected in our society and they could hardly make any contributions towards development.

The First Lady was inaugurating the Jamirun Nur Mother and Child Care Centre at the Sunamganj Sadar Hospital here this morning.

Presided over by Mr Golam Jilani Chowdhury, MP, Zila Parishad Chairman, the function was also addressed by Health Minister, M A Munim, Food Minister Iqbal Hossain

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Chowdhury and Al-Haj Abdun Nur, the donor of the centre.

Begum Ershad said the women must be given education and training so that they could bring up their children as worthy citizens.

She said the government of President Ershad had attached great importance to health sector, particularly for the mother and children and had set the target to attain 'Health for All' by 2000.

Stressing the need for spreading knowledge of child care among the rural women, Begum Ershad said due to lack of nutrition about 40,000 children were becoming blind every year in the country.

She called for building up field workers to educate the rural mothers about nutrition, family planning and child care.

The First Lady later formally inaugurated the centre. She went round various sections and talked to the patients.

In the female ward she came across a patient who had given birth to a twin, both male. She affectionately talked to the mother and enquired about her children. She took one child in her arms and caressed.

Begum Ershad named the twin "Sajib" and "Sagar". She also planted a sapling in the hospital compound.

Mr M A Munim said the Government would take all possible measures within its limited resources to provide

medicare to all its citizens. "Our objective is to do good to the family-mother and children," he added.

Mr Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury called upon the people to unite under the able leadership of President Ershad and take part in development activities.

Earlier on arrival, Begum Raushan Ershad was given a hearty welcome at the Sunamganj Circuit House.

School children and tribal people performed dances and songs in honour of the First Lady.

Speaking on the occasion, Begum Ershad said that overall development of the country was not possible without the development of the rural Bangladesh.

She called for setting up small cottage industries and agriculture firms in the rural areas to solve unemployment problem.

Referring to the drug addiction by a section of youths, the first Lady said the society should come forward and solve this menace for the future generation. Drug addict youths should be handled with sympathy by their parents, she said.