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Zafar's call to carry nation forward

DHAKA, Sept 16 (BSS): Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed today called upon the meritorious students of the country to be prepared to carry the nation forward.

He said "the nation expects her best posterity to shoulder the task of nation-building activities ably and boldly.

The Prime Minister was addressing a function held at Vikarunnisa School and College auditorium to accord a reception to the students who secured positions in the merit list from the institution in S S C examinations in 1990 and 1989.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said, "the Government of President Ershad was totally committed to eradicate malpractices from the examination hall once for all. He said the name of President Ershad would go down in history for bringing about a number of revolutionary changes in the education system of the country.

The Prime Minister, who is in charge of the Ministry of Education, said making education free for the girls up to class eight in non-municipal areas and three hilly districts of the country and upto graduation class if the only issue of a family is a daughter, were some of the manifestations of President Ershad's sincerity in spreading family education in the country.

He said the Government firmly believed that keeping half the population without education the nation could not go ahead, this was why, he said, a number of steps were in hand and some were in the offing in the field of education, especially for the women folk.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said it was crystal clear that the overall progress and economic emancipation of the country could only be ensured through education.

He said from the first day of the next calendar year, the country would enter into a new era with the beginning of the implementation of the compulsory primary education in the country.

Presided over by the Chairman of the Managing Committee Ataul Huq, the function was also addressed, among others, by the Principal of the college, Mrs Hamida Ali, Chairman of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka, Mozammel Huq, Miss Samanta Islam who topped the combined merit list this year in Dhaka Board and two of the guardians Mr Nazrul Islam and Dr M M Hussain.

The function was followed by a cultural programme.

TEACHERS MEET PM
A delegation of primary school teachers headed by the

chairman of Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association, Prof Abul Kalam Azad met Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed at the conference room of the Ministry of Education today.

They renewed their pledge to spread the light of education throughout the country and eradicate the curse of illiteracy from the society.

Adviser to the President on Compulsory Primary Education Mansoor Ali Sarkar was also present on the occasion.

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