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Students And National Goals

Students have played a constructive role in our country. They have contributed to the struggle for emancipation of the people. Their role in society is largely set. They have to devote to studies with a view to preparing themselves for the future. They are expected to fulfil the expectations of the people who in turn pin high hopes on the honesty and sincerity of purpose with which students take to the task before them. As future bread-winner for a family students shoulder a great deal of responsibility even when they pursue the appropriate courses of studies in schools, colleges and universities. And the pursuit of knowledge is a noble venture in all senses of the term.

The Chief Martial Law Administrator, Lt. General H.M. Ershad, has rightly called upon students to devote their time and attention to studies. He urged them to utilize the best part of their life in preparation for shouldering future responsibilities. And future responsibilities are quite onerous. Unless they acquire knowledge and skill while in their alma mater students may find themselves at odds in life. They may fulfil their obligations to themselves and to the family and society only if they attain qualities of head and heart needed for meeting such obligations. And in a country like Bangladesh students as future citizens of the country would be required to shoulder responsibilities with courage, conviction, perseverance and a sense of discipline.

As it is the teacher and the taught in a society are placed in an environment of learning. Both the partners in the pursuit of knowledge have to have a sense of complementarity in their respective roles. While teachers

work as friends, philosophers and guides students have to prove themselves to be proper disciples. The latter owe a great deal to teachers who command respect by dedicating them to the proper growth and education of students. Such an ideal relationship has to be revived in all academic institutions if the future citizens were to prepare themselves in the right way. As the CMLA stated in his address before the students at Jagannath University College on Tuesday, students should learn to treat teachers with utmost respect and to hold them in high esteem.

Elaborating on the role of students the CMLA stated that students have to learn to honour the honest and hate the corrupt. This is a very appropriate piece of advice for the student at this hour of the day when the moral values have declined heavily. Students are expected to be in the vanguard of a movement against moral degeneration. This is a task that can be fulfilled if students know better about things and life through proper education.

It is gratifying to note that the CMLA referred to the problems of students and assured them of active support for solution of such problems. In this respect one would like to suggest that parents and guardians would feel greatly relieved if examinations were held in time and students could pass out of the institutions within the specified time-limit. Likewise the facilities for games and sports as well as cultural activities by students have to be expanded for proper healthy growth of students. It is hoped that the authorities concerned will do their best in utilizing otherwise scarce resources for proper education and that students would prepare themselves for advancing the goals of the nation in future.