



# REVOLUTION

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**REVOLUTION** aims at altering the old order of things, or changing the existing moods and ideas. It seeks to reshape what is, to restructure the physical or emotional set-up and to renovate the stereotyped way of life.

Such changes are not always brought about through violence, carnage, bloodshed and massacres. They can also take place in a peaceful but dynamic manner breaking old habits and attitudes and stimulating the dormant will to action.

President Ziaur Rahman has launched such a peaceful, disciplined and constructive revolution with a view to inspiring the people to rediscover their inner strength and power to build a viable future. This

revolution does not necessitate spilling of blood and shedding of tears. It only requires voluntary and collective toil of all as an unfailing clue to self-reliance and survival in the grim struggle for existence made grimmer by hostile circumstances. Its success can be ensured by the nation's renewal of faith in itself and reinforcement of its will to work in a peaceful atmosphere to remove the three immediate causes that impede national development e.g. food shortage, illiteracy and population explosion.

Logically, the revolution launched by President Ziaur Rahman has started with canal digging to facilitate stepping up of food production. The spade at work is a symbol

of voluntary labour for survival.

The second phase of the revolution has begun with the drive for literacy. The ability to read and write will, apart from other things, give the people a new sense of self-confidence and self-importance leading to national awakening. The transition from thumb impression to the use of pen must indeed be regarded as the completion of a revolutionary process. And this process will go on till complete success is achieved.

Therefore, in this planned revolution 'Ka' stands for 'Kalam' (spade) and 'Kalam' (Pen). Spade for productive work and pen for inner power,—and both for progress and prosperity. Both the symbols have a single design: a healthy

mind in a healthy body.

It is easy to find flaws, curse darkness and criticise the attempt to light a candle. Such a negative attitude aggravates, instead of solving problems. It should be realised that it is not only killing by which an enemy can be dispensed with. He can also be destroyed by being made a friend.

Let us, therefore, be pro-something, and not anti-everything. Let us be activists, and not perpetual critics, doers, and not boosers, workers, and not shirkers, makers, and not breakers. Let us bear in mind that the first step towards the goal of progress and prosperity is to take the **FIRST STEP**. And let us not stop there, but let the other steps follow as resolutely.