

Ensure education to children

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First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad said here today that the country's future generation should be imbued with the spirit of sacrifice of the War of Independence to be able to carry forward the nation toward progress and prosperity.

She said the cherished independence achieved by the supreme sacrifices of the greatest sons of the soil had reached the nation to the door step of new dreams and possibilities.

The First Lady was addressing a discussion organised by "Kanchi Kanther Asar" in observance of Independence and National Day at Shilpakala Academy auditorium here. National Adviser to "Kanchi Kanther Asar" and Establishment Secretary K. M. Rabbani, President of the Asar, Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, Secretary General Hemayet Hossain and Social Worker Farida, Hena and two children, SARA and Urmil spoke on the occasion.

Begum Ershad said the success of the nation depended on the bringing up of its future generation with the qualities of worthy citizens of an independent country.

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pendent country.

She said most of the children in the country were leading a hard life and deprived of proper education and health care facilities.

She said now it was the proper time to ensure education, health care and sports facilities to children to make them able citizens of the future for leading the nation towards proper direction.

The First Lady said the consciousness for the welfare of the children should be spread to the remotest areas of the country. She said it was a social responsibility of all to ensure welfare of the deprived children.

She said the children were like flowers, they needed care and affection to bloom.

Begum Ershad said the government had taken up different welfare-oriented programmes to bring up the children with proper care. She said institutions like Shishu Aacademy had been established at various levels of national life to help flourish the latent talents of the children.

She said Shishu Paribar had been established for the up bringing of neglected children in an atmosphere of family life. She said Pathakali schools had been established to provide education to the working children so that they could become worthy citizens of the country.

The First Lady said the present government had also taken up programmes to make the memories of children martyred during the War of Independence ever brightened.

Begum Ershad said the government alone would not be able to ensure overall welfare of the children. She said the affluent and conscious sections of the society to come forward to supplement such endeavours.

Begum Ershad said the children should be brought up in such a way making them conscious of their rights and duties which would help build their relationship with the children of world community.

The First Lady lauded the role of the Asar in facilitating the children to become worthy citizen of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, the two children Sara and Urmil, called upon all to ensure contribution to establish the rights of the children, specially the deprived one in the society.

Later, the First Lady witnessed a spectacular cultural show presented by the child artistes of the Asar.