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President visits site of proposed Poet Nazrul University

MYMENSINGH, Sept 22.—President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed today visited the site of proposed Poet Nazrul University at Trishal, 95km away from the capital, reports UNB.

The proposed cultural-cum-general university will be built on 15 acres of land of which 5-acre had been donated by the local people and 5 acres were purchased by the proposed University Trust.

The organisers are trying to take remaining 5 acres from the government to make the project a success.

Welcoming the President at the site members of the University Trust briefed him about the initiative and showed the map of the master plan.

They said some local intellectuals, educationists and social workers have taken the initiative to build the university at Trishal after the name of the national Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

The government should recognise and come forward in building the residential cum non-residential university at the place connected with the memories of the national poet, they added.

President Shahabuddin appreciated the initiative saying that proper steps should be taken by the initiators to get government approval for the university.

He assured that he would take necessary steps for the establishment of the university. He said he would be happy to see the university.

The President, however, advised them to make sincere efforts in this regard with a view to making the project a success.

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Later, the President went round the site of the project, planted a sapling of a "Mohua" tree.

He also spent some time at the foot of the banyan tree where the national poet had passed his time during his early life as a student of Dariarampur High School.

UNB Mymensingh correspondent adds: The President called upon the organisers to initiate the process of establishing the university as early as possible.

Responding to the organisers' appeal for help, the President said the matter completely lies under the jurisdiction of the government. He advised them to contact with the ministry and advisor concerned.

Leaders of the greater Mymensingh Cultural Forum, local elite and students welcomed the President. The villagers thronged to have a glimpse of the President.

President of the Greater Mymensingh Samity Justice Abdur Rouf and member secretary of the Poet Nazrul University Trust Principal Hamida Ali spoke on the occasion.