

President H. M. Ershad received a warm ovation from thousands of cheering Jatiya Chhatra Samaj members at a rally in Dhaka on Wednesday, -Times

## Student community to champion national cause: Ershad

## Eradicate illiteracy torch bearers for eradicating cation is the principal vehicle The President was speaking

President H.M. Ershad on Wednesday expressed the hope that the student, community who have a glorious heritaga of championing the causes of the country will surely live up to the expectations of the nation for building a happy and prosperous motherland. reports BSS.

He said people of the country have high hopes that the community would student worthy build themselves as citizens to take up the responsibility of tuture leadship in all sectors of national life.

at the grand conference of Jativa Chhatra Samaj at the Institution of Engineers premises in Dhaka. The conference was also addressed by De. puty Prime Minister and Sec. retary General of Jatiya Party Dr. M.A. Matin, Deputy Premier and presidium memher of Jatiya Party Kazl Zafar Ahmed, Deputy Minis. ter for Education Ziauddin Ahmed and convener of Jatiya Chattra Samaj Rafigul Hug Hafiz.

President Ershad said edu-

for taking the country on the road to progress and prosperity. For that matter the Gevernment has attached topmost priority to the education sector which is manifested from the allocation of increased fund to ft.

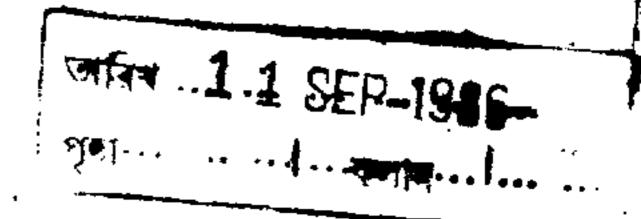
He said students who in the past had always responded to the call of the country would come forward to bolster the Government effort for expansion of education. He call ed upon the members of Jatiya Chattra Samaj to work

the darkness of illiteracy from the society.

this President in The spoke about context some mad€ attempts elements to disturb peaceful; atmosphere and academic said such machination of crea ting indiscipline in education. al premises amounts to shattering the national backbone and throwing the people into the darkness of poverty non-availability of skilled man power.

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## Eradicate illiteracy

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President Ershad said, Cam, pus cannot be a warfield, pen gun; pencil a dagger and terrorism the syllabus The sanctity of campus has to be maintained for creating atmosphere conducive to the · pursuit of knowledge, he added

He called upon the membera of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj to contribute their efforts, in cooperation with the mapority of students who aspire for congenial educational atmosphere, to free the educational premises from being vittated.

The President reminded the members of Chhatra Samaj of their four principles of keeping congenial academic atmosphere building of good teacher-stu, dent relationship, keeping the students out of politics and associate the students with the national development process and said Chhatra Samaj mem. bers should by their work and deeds pursue these great ideals Recalling the birth of Jatlys Chhatra Samaj on March 28 of 1983 for advancing the four Principles, the President said it had today spread out to the nook and corner of the country carrying the message of upholding the cause of proper educational atmosphere.

He said students of the country who had shed blood for language and laid down their lives for liberation had now been entrusted with the responsibility to see that the country progressed on the path to prosperity without being lost in the whiripool of negative politics.

The President said for ensur ing uninterrupted development it was the primary responsibi lity of the students to engage in the pursuit of knowledge to build themselves up as an educated work force to complement progress. The objective of independence was to build a prosperous society and that have to be attained, he assertcd.

President Ershad said the students could take up any profession including politics after completing their academic life. But any loss in the academic career for indulging in activities which spoilt their career could not be made up, he said,

In this respect he listed various measure taken by his government to promote education which included instituting awards for brilliant results in public examinations and finuncial support for development of educational institutions from President's fund in addition to normal development schedule and said his Government would

continue to do everything

The President's speech at the meeting was punchuated with on President welcome slogans and cheers,

MATIN

Speaking on the occasion, Dr M A Matin lauded the role of the student community in different phases of national struggle for independence and with the winning of liberation, the greatest task before the nation now is to build the coun tion, he said.

Dr Matin referred to the past attempts to tarnish the image of the students which included killing of students at Dhaka University and highjacking of farious designs to disturb campus sanctity have to be curbed to create a congenial atmosphere as the majority of the students want to pursue educa tion in a peaceful atmosphere.

ZAFAR

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said the student community of the coun try being the conscious section of the society will continue to champion the cause of education defeating attempts by any quarters to undermine it.

ZIAUDIN

Ziaudin Ahmed said huge gathening of ... Jatiya Chhatra Samaj manifests student community's aspirations for making educational institutions frea from the twist of arms and indiscipline.

## Chhatra Samaj advance the cause of education Students Call

Student representatives of different educational institutions from all over the country belonging to Jatiya Chhatra damaj also called on President Ershad at CMLA's Secretariat on Wednesday evening, reports

They assured the President try. The students have a role that they will do everything te play in this changed situa- possible for maintaining congenial academic atmosphere in their respective institutions and Dursue their studies with dedication.

President Ershad thanked the students for organising a colour ballot boxes and said thus ne. ful student gathering in Dhaka Deputy Minister for Education Ziauddin Ahmed was also present.