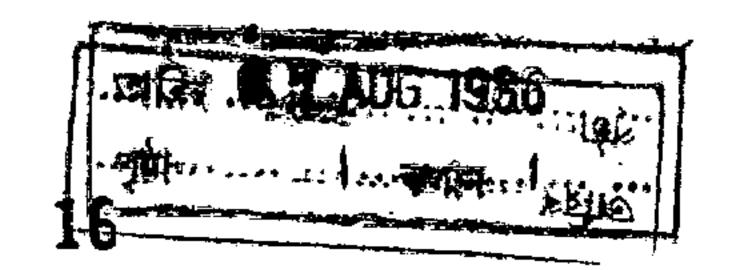
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Ershad urges students to keep away from politics

Govt attaches highest priority to education

. SARSINA (Pirojpur), Aug. 6: BSS.

Addressing a huge gathering at the Sarsina Madrasah premises here, he said the first message from Allah to Prophet Muhammad (SM) is "to read".

The President referred to his Government's increasing expenditure for the development of educational sector and said private endeavours should supfor the spread of education, Ha spreading of education for the modern and science-based. socio-economic progress.

President Ershad, who was accompanied by leading in- indiscipline and unruly activi-

dustrialist Anwar Hossain of President Ershad today said Anwar Group of Industries, gress, that concerted efforts both by businessman Khaled Adel and the Government and the indi- Jahangir Mohammad Adel, MP, teachers have a role to play to viduals could eradicate illiter, invited them to show their ges- make education meaningful acy from the society, reports ture in this regard and they readily agreed to bear the expenditure for building the second floor of the hostel of the Sarsina Madrasah.

> He said his Government attaches highest priority to the educational sector and has begin providing equal support to all branches of education including Madrasah education.

The President said more than plement Government efforts three thousand madrasahs are being given support from the said specially the well-to-do Government At the same time, section should come forward in the Madrasah education has a big way to contribute to the been reorganised to make it

> He pointed out that lack of proper education gives rise to

ties which retard social pro-

The President said that the and build educated work force.

Turning to the students, President Ershad advised them to

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Teachers Assoc meets Ershad

A delegation of the Federation of Bangladesh Teachers Association led by its Secretary General and Religious Affairs Minister Moulana M.A. Mannan met President H. M. Ershad at the CMLA's Secretariate on Wednesday evening.

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make best use of their career to become worthy citizens of the country. 'Do not indulge in politics during the time of · learning, then you will regret I throughout your life," he said, adding: "I want to see you become complete man and woman to enhance honour of your parents and the nation."

He referred to four years of his Government and said: "When I accepted the responsibility of running the administration of the country, I submitted myself totally to Allah, invoking His blessings for giving me strength to shoulder the onerous responsibility and. lead the country."

The President said for the last four years he has put in untiring endeavours to ameliorate the condition of the commonman. "Now I can say; by the grace of Allah we have proved that we have done something for them and give a pointer before the nation for progress, safeguarding the interest of the toiling masses."

President Ershad spoke of his Government's measures for promoting Islamic values and code of life in the country and said the message of brotherhood and inner strength of Islam can help establish social amity, and ensure a balanced development, "Our poverty can be removed if we can inspire

the nation in the spirit of Islamic ideals and lessons," he said.

He said while taking measures to uphold Islamic ideals in the country, his Government at the same time has given due attention to ensuring that people belonging to other faiths can perform their religious rites unhindered. He said Bangladesh is a unique example of communal harmony. "We have been able to earn world appreciation as a tolerant nation where peorle of different religious faiths are living like brothers and sisters," he said.

President Ershad spoke of his recent visits to SAARC countries where he was given warm reception and honour and said this manifests that the world today recognises Bangladesh as a self-respecting nation striving hard to improve its condition He said as a nation we have proved that given will and hard work, a nation can prosper surmounting what ever obstacles there may be on way.

Presided over by Pir Sahib of Sarsina Al-Haj Moulana Abu Zafar Mohammad Saleh, the function was also addressed by Religious Affairs Minister Moulana Abdul Mannan,

Earlier, the President offered Fateha at the Mazar of Al-Haj Moulana Naseruddin Ahmed (RA). The past Pir Sahib of Sarsina.

The President was accorded a warm welcome when he arrived here. Madrasah students and local people lined up both sides of the road he passed through raising welcome slo-

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reports BSS.

Addressing briefly, President Ershad termed the teachers as the architect of the nation and said they should guide our future generation to become worthy citizen.

He said responsibility of the teachers are not confined only to giving lessons in the classes but they should, at the same time mould the character of the students so that they res. pect their elders and love the Youngers.

Quoting from the holy Quran the President said, Allah help those who help themselves.

"Now today I can say we have traversed a long way in attaining those objective" he added.

Earlier, Moulana Mannan speaking on the occasion listed various measures taken President Ershad for the welfare of the teachers.