

Make best use of time for life, Ershad asks students

The President and Chief Martial Law Administrator, Lt. Gen. H M Ershad, said on Sunday that the government is making every possible endeavour to solve the problems of the students to help them become worthy citizens of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing the students of Habibullah Bahar College here.

The President said, "You are our assets and you will have to fulfil our dreams of building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh. You must not allow to go in vain the supreme sacrifices made for achieving the independence of the country."

President Ershad said, despite limited resources, the present Government has been taking positive steps to provide the students and teachers with the basic needs for the pursuit of knowledge and proper education. "The student life will not come twice. You must make best use of this time for your life", he added.

He advised the students to adhere to the four principles

of making congenial atmosphere in educational institutions, promoting good student-teacher relation, shunning party politics and taking part in a nation-building activities.

The President said he has been visiting educational institutions to see for himself the conditions there and find ways to improve the situation. In this context he said that in the last twenty four months, 21 colleges have been nationalised and a scheme has been undertaken to develop another 35 colleges. Nine colleges are being upgraded into university colleges. Six university halls and 17 college hostels are being built.

Stressing the need for unity and discipline among the students, President Ershad said,

"when I come to you I find a lot of exuberance. If you channelise your energy for constructive purposes, you can look forward to a right future."

The President, whose speech was frequently punctuated by thunderous applause and welcome slogans, said, "I firmly believe if the students, who are our own children, follow the right path, they can take up the future responsibility with confidence."

Earlier, on his arrival at the college premises, the President was given a warm welcome. He was profusely garlanded and flowers were showered on him. Welcome songs were sung.

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whole-hearted support was extended to the policies and programmes of Gen. Ershad. A number of gifts were presented to him.

Among those who spoke on the occasion were Mr Anwar Hossain Khan Chowdhury, member, Dhaka University Syndicate and Senate, Mr Rafiqul Huq Hafiz, Convener, Nutun Bangla Chhatra Samaj, Acting Principal of the College, Mr Abdur Razzak, Chairman of the college governing body, Mr Hafiz Ahmed Majumder and office bearers of the college union.