

University colleges at dists to end jam: Ershad

English as a compulsory second language stressed

RANGPUR, Aug. 16: President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today urged the students to devote their energy in quest of knowledge to build themselves as worthy citizens for making meaningful contributions in the development efforts of the country, reports BSS.

Addressing a huge gathering of students at Carmichael University College premises here on the occasion of the foundation-laying ceremony of the College auditorium, the President said after completing education there could be no greater reward than to get opportunity to work for the nation.

The meeting was also addressed by Jute Minister A.K.M. Majeedul Islam, and principal of

the college Dr Abdul Jabbar Mia.

On arrival at the College premises, President Ershad was given a rousing reception by the students. They raised slogans welcoming President Ershad who was a student of the college from 1946 to 1950.

Recalling his period of study in the College, the President said the dream of a student at that time was to build himself as worthy citizen and to contribute to the development of the country.

President Ershad referred to the steps taken by the government to ensure use of Bangla at all spheres and said time had come when all should think of studying English as a com-

pulsory subject in educational institutions since it is an international language. This, he said would help the students get better higher education, he pointed out.

The President said his government had been thinking of recasting the present education system to suit the requirements of the country and in keeping with that line colleges at district level would be made university colleges offering honours courses.

He said an affiliating university would conduct the examinations of these colleges while the existing residential universities should function only as residential universities. This way, he said, we could improve the situation.

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