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Moheshkhal jetty opened

New education policy will stop campus strife: Ershad

MOHESHKHALI (Cox's Bazar), Aug 10 (BSS): President Ershad here today said the welfare oriented politics pursued by his Government had inspired the people from all walks of life to work for attaining self-reliance in every sphere of life.

We want to survive through hard work and live as an independent and self-reliant nation, the President told a public meeting in the premises of local Ideal School.

He said despite limited resources, successes had been achieved towards the goal of attaining self-reliance due to policies adopted by the Government and because of changes brought in the system.

The President addressed the huge gathering immediately after inaugurating the newly constructed Moheshkhal jetty, fulfilling the long-felt need of

the people of the island.

Earlier, on his arrival here President Ershad was given a rousing reception. People from

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all walks of life including women and children stood in line on both sides of the roads from the helipad to the venue of the inaugural function of the jetty and the venue of public meeting. They waved bunting and festoons to welcome the President.

Several welcome arches were also erected on the occasion.

The public meeting was also addressed by Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Ziauddin Ahmed, local M.P. Wing Commander (Retd) Zahirul Islam, District Council Chairman A. H. Salahuddin Mahmud M.P. and upazila chairman Noor Box.

Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control ABM Ghulam Mustafa and the State Minister Manzoor Quader and local Jatiya Party leaders were present.

President Ershad said no other politics existed in the country except the politics of providing basic rights like education, food and health to the people.

He said Bangladesh was no longer known as a poor country rather it was known as a nation of courageous and brave people. The President said all these had been possible due to a sense of direction provided by his Government.

President Ershad expressed the hope that the jetty, which had been built in less than the stipulated time, would go a long way in bringing about the socio-economic development of the island.

The President said he had given directives to the authorities concerned for preparing a plan for developing Cox's Bazar and its adjoining areas into a tourist spot.

He said work on making the recommendations was progressing and soon plans would be executed to develop tourist spots in the area. In this connection, he said Chittagong-Cox's Bazar road would also be developed.

President Ershad said peace and discipline were the pre-conditions for attaining economic development and added that the prevailing peaceful condition in the country should be utilised to achieve the desired goal of development.

He sought cooperation from all walks of life in this regard.

The President also referred to the adoption of the new education policy and said it would help remove indiscipline from the campus. We must restore academic atmosphere in the educational institutions in the country, he added.

Referring to the demand of the local people for writing off the salt loans, President Ershad said the policy of restricting import of salt had helped the growers to get fair price for their produce.

He called upon the local people to grow more shrimp and betel-leaf and help increase the export earnings of the country.

The President announced financial grants for local academic institutions.

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