

President receives Tk 1.28 cr for Pathakali Trust

President Ershad and First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad received donations worth Taka one crore twenty eight lakh and seventy four thousand towards Pathakali Trust fund at the President's Secretariat in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The Pathakali Trust fund sources said about Taka two crore had been collected so far for the fund since it was formed two months back.

Administrator of Dhaka Municipal Corporation, M.A. Malek, MP, who handed over cheques for Taka one crore to President Ershad and Begum Raushan Ershad yesterday on behalf of different organisations, said the donations towards Pathakali Trust fund would continue.

Jute Minister Mahbubur Rahman presented a cheque for Taka 25 lakh as the first instalment of the donations.

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being given by the workers, employees and officers of the jute mills under BJMC.

The minister informed the President and the first lady that as per the decision taken by workers, employees and officers of the BJMC jute mills, they would continue to donate part of their wages and salary paid in paisa.

TRUST MEET HELD

A meeting of the Pathakali Trust was held yesterday at the President's Secretariat with the First Lady and chairperson of the trust, Begum Raushan Ershad in the chair.

The meeting reviewed the progress so far achieved by the trust in implementing its programme.

The first lady urged the members of the trust to expand its activities by setting up more Pathakali schools in the remote areas of the country and thus pave the way for education of the downtrodden children.

She said the dispensary open for providing medical care to Pathakalis should remain regular in discharging its duties.

She urged the manufacturers of medicines to donate their products to the dispensary with an open heart.

Begum Ershad also stressed the need for finding out ways and means of sources of income for the Pathakalis through light work.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam informed the meeting that the concept of Pathakali Trust and schools had already been acclaimed internationally.

State Minister for Education Nitai Roy Chowdhury, Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, Advocate Rezaul Rahman and Secretary of the trust Lt Col (retd) Mr Mohammad Hossain were present at the meeting.