

## Preservation of Ctg court bldg demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Bar Council has urged the government to preserve the court building in Chittagong as an archaeological site.

Issuing a statement on behalf of the Bar Council yesterday, its vice-chairman Barrister M Amir-ul Islam said that built over a century ago, the Chittagong court building is a major architectural monument and should be preserved.

The Council's view came following news that government would construct a new building on the premises after demolishing the existing structures of court building in the port city.

## Bangabandhu Award giving ceremony today

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The Bangabandhu Award (1999-2000) giving ceremony will be held in the city today.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed will distribute the awards for outstanding contribution in agriculture at 4 pm at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city.

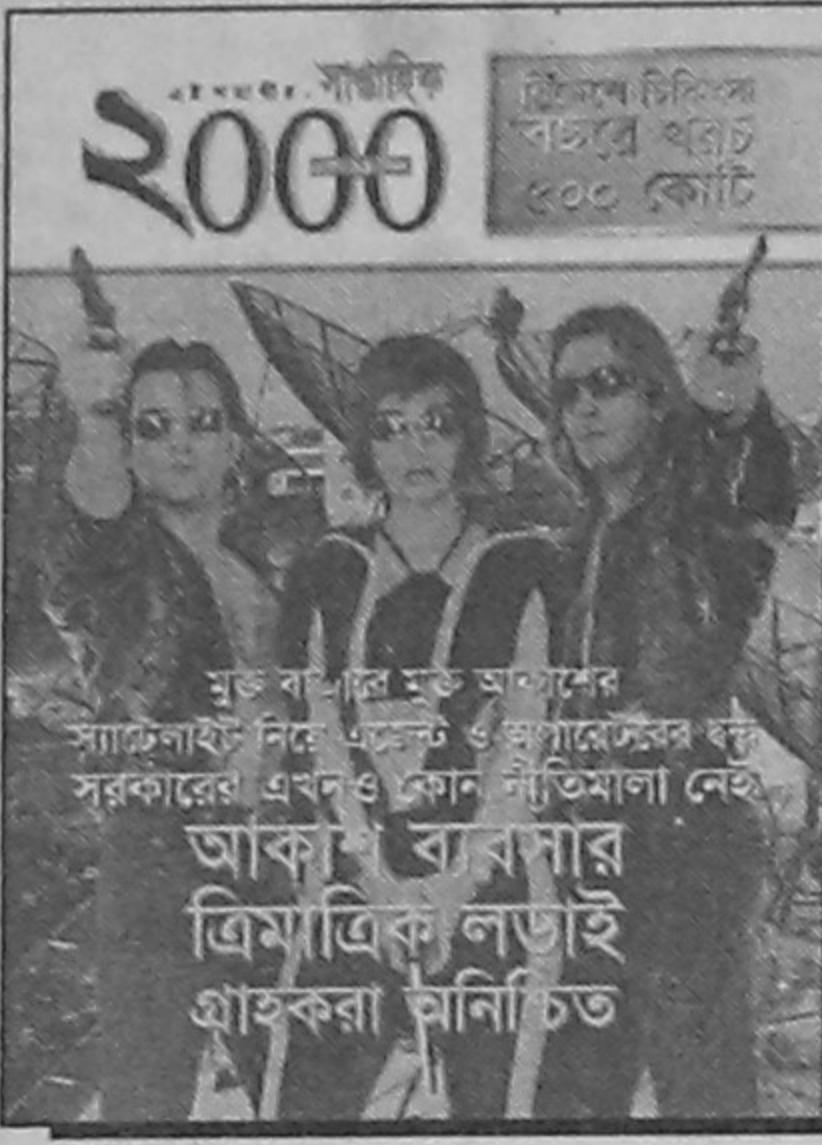
Official sources said last night that some 30 individuals and organisations will get the prestigious award.

In addition to gold and silver medals, the government is also introducing bronze medals this year.

The award recipients are, among others, successful farmers, breeders and scientists.

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## PM urges teachers to join literacy campaign

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the teachers to join the literacy campaign initiated by her government to drive out poverty from the country, reports UNB.

"We will have to launch a war against illiteracy to establish a poverty-free Bangladesh," she said while distributing cheques among retired teachers and employees from Non-Government Teacher-Employees Welfare Trust at her Parliament office this afternoon.

This is for the first time that 25 non-government teachers and employees have received financial benefit from the Welfare Trust.

The Prime Minister called for spreading education to remove the curse of poverty for a better life. "There is no alternative to education ... We'll have to wedge an all out war against illiteracy and poverty."

Describing the teachers as architects of an educated nation, Hasina urged all to maintain proper academic environment in educational institutions so quality education is imparted to the students.

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Referring to various problems facing the teaching community, Hasina said her government is sincere to resolve their problems. In this context, she mentioned enhanced pay scale and other financial benefits.

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fit for non-government teachers and employees given by her government.

About the reconstruction of the Welfare Trust, which started functioning from May 1997, the Prime Minister said it would help the teachers and employees after their retirement or to face any hardship in case of a mishap or serious illness during their service.

Education Minister A H S K Sadeq, Education Secretary Kazi Rakibuddin who is also the president of the Trust and its secretary Kazi Faruque also spoke on the occasion.

An amount of Tk 93 crore has been accumulated in the Trust fund. So far 5,143 retired teachers and employees of non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs have applied for financial benefit and 25 of them received the cheques. Others would be given in phases.

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