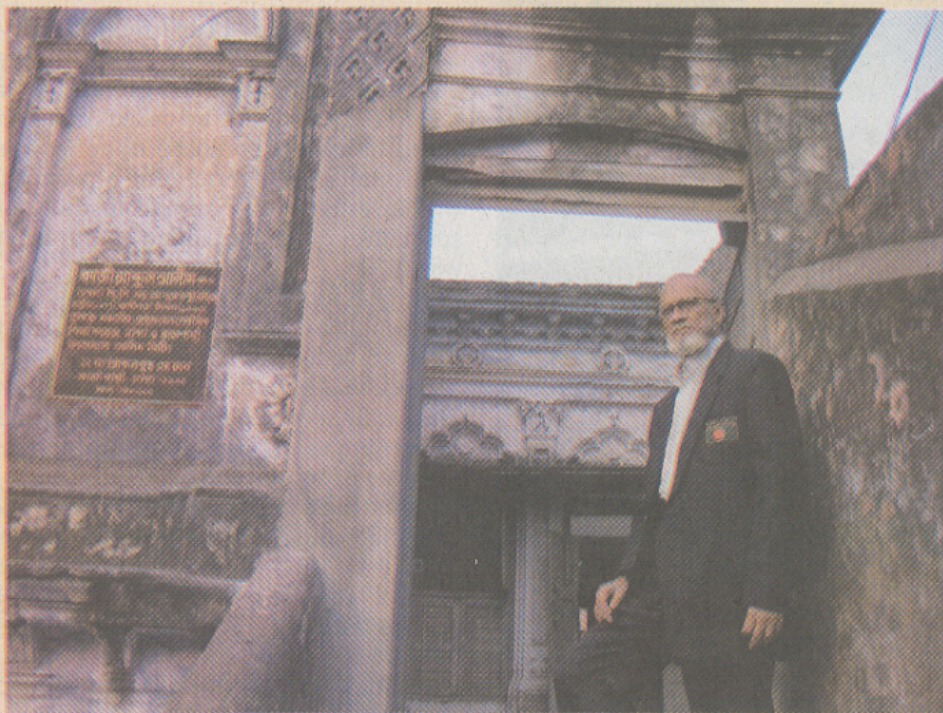


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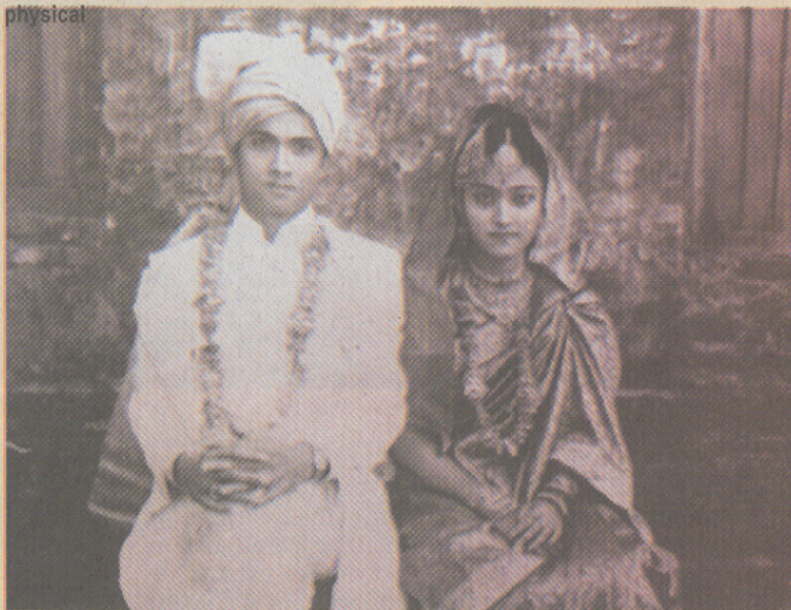


*Alim's passion for sports also influenced other family members. His constant support and inspiration helped his sisters to enter the world of sports. He took it upon himself to train them. His efforts didn't go unrewarded -- all three of them became national and international athletes.*

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books, 18 of which are on physical education. The rest are fairy tales, short stories and books on traditional Bangla proverbs. Thirteen of his books are yet to be published including his autobiography called *Smritikatha*. His first book titled *Daud-Jhanp-Nikkhap* was published in 1960. One of his most popular books is *Bani Chirontoni*. It had more than 20 editions. He is also the first editor of sports magazine *Krirajagat*.

Alim has travelled many countries, sometimes as a sportsman and sometimes as a sports organiser. In 1956 he went to the US for higher studies; in 1977 he travelled to Russia as the leader of a five-member Bangladesh group; he went to Bulgaria to attend the 5th World University Games as the manager of Bangladesh athletic group. He went to Delhi to attend the special general assembly of Olympic Council of Asia in 1991. In 1994 he went to Hiroshima to participate in the Asian Games as the deputy chief of the mission. His last foreign tour was to Athens on 6th December 2004 to receive the most prestigious award of his life -- the UNESCO Award.



A wedding photo with wife Selima

Alim, in fact, has received many awards for his remarkable achievements. As a top athlete of Dhaka University he received the gold medal by chancellor WA Zenking. He also won the national sports award in 1977 for his contribution to sports, the Qazi Mahbubullah gold medal. For his widespread contribution in sports he got the "Shadhinota Padak" in 1993.

A total of 49 countries participated in UNESCO Award winning