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Principal Swami Aksharananda speaks at a function on the occasion of the 170th birth anniversary of Sree Ramkrishna Dev at the Ramkrishna Mission yesterday. Sitting from left are Justice Goura Gopal Saha and R N Dutta Gupta.



Akhtar Jahan passes away

Akhtar Jahan Begum, wife of late Professor Nafis Ahmad, founding chairman of the Department of Geography, Dhaka University, passed away due to old-age complications at a South Carolina hospital in the USA on March 10 at the age of 84, says a press release.

Daughter of Khan Bahadur Aminul Islam, she left behind her two sons, Nadim Ahmad and Nawaid Ahmad, and only daughter Zulfia Asaf, managing editor of The Bangladesh Today.

Akhtar Jahan graduated from the Lady Brabourne College in Kolkata and did her master's at the Dhaka University. She served as headmistress of Shaheed Anwar Girls' High School and as associate professor at the Department of Arabic in Dhaka University during early 1960s. She was widely known for her profound knowledge of the Quran.

A milad mahfil will be held at her daughter's residence at House # 10, Road # 3, Dhanmondi, after Asr prayers today. Friends, relatives, students and admirers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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