An interview with Dulal Chnadra Gain, assistant keeper of the art gallery

Dulal Chandra Gain, assistant keeper of the art gallery, an art graduate from Art Institute, Dhaka University, was born at the village of Boalia under Kalaroa Upazila in Satkhira District on October 3, 1972. After completion of his graduation degree, he joined as an Assistant Keeper under a project of National Museum in 2002 and was posted at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala in Mymensingh.

Also a young artist, he has already materialized over 500 paintings using different media including Oil colour, Water colour, Mixed media, Charcoal drawings and pencil sketches. He has participated in various exhibitions at national and international levels including Asian Art Exhibition, Group Art Exhibition and Young Art Exhibition. Many of my paintings are in personal collections in and outside the country, said the artist. He is also a mural sculptor and shows his brilliant performances with cover designs of various publications.

Dulal Gain also said that the National Museum has a collection of some 800 paintings of Shilpacharya but less than half of the total are displayed in the Museum. The stored paintings could be displayed in the interest of art and culture, and some more paintings could be displayed at the gallery of the Sangrahashala, he added. As it is the only institution named after the great artist, the art gallery should be developed in all respects, added Dulal Gain.

The paintings of Shilpacharya proved the excellence of the artist in illustrating a sense of real flavour, said Dulal Gain. Surely Monpura'70, a 28-feet long painting is a marvelous piece of art by Zainul Abedin where he depicted the devastation caused by the tidal waves in Monpura of Bhola in 1970. This painting shows the human quality of the artist, he went on.

The Assistant Keeper also said that the art gallery has no publications, but the National Museum has released some posters and cards with photographs of the master artist.

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