

US planetarium named after Bangladeshi

METRO DESK

A Bangladeshi expatriate has had the honour of having a planetarium in the US named after her.

A planetarium of Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in North Carolina has been named after Dr Sultana Khan, who is a faculty member of the university and director of the planetarium.

Khan, a professor in ECSU's Chemistry, Geology and Physics Department, has a 33-year innings at the university. She took on the additional role of the planetarium's director in 1990.

In 2006, Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina named her one of the 16 recipients of the Award for Excellency in Teaching.

Under Khan's direction, the planetarium opened on January 23, 1990.

Once a 30-foot dome structure with a unidirectional classroom seating 54 and a SPITZ 512 star projector, the planetarium is now equipped with 60 uniquely designed planetarium chairs, more than 40 automated mechanical projectors and a collection of advanced audio-visual equipments, three full-motion video screens from DVD, laser disc or VHS and a professional theatre-quality sound system.

Khan said even after her retirement she will remain involved with the planetarium.

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The Communist Party of Bangladesh brings out a procession from the capital's Mahanagar Natya Mancha yesterday, marking the party's 10th congress.

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JOURNO FARHAD, WIFE MURDER CASE Nephew, his friend to die

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A Dhaka court yesterday gave double death sentence to two persons for murdering journalist Farhad Khan and his wife Rahima Khanam last year.

On January 28, 2011, Farhad Khan, 60, senior assistant editor of the daily Janata, and his wife Rahima Khanam, 55, were killed at their rented flat in Naya Paltan area in the capital.

The condemned convicts are Nazimuzzaman



Farhad Khan



Rahima Khanam

Yon, a nephew of the slain journalist Farhad Khan, and Raju Ahmed, a friend of Yon.

Judge ABM Sajedur Rahman of Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 handed down the verdict.

In his verdict, the judge said the accused were given double death for killing two persons, but one of the sentences will be executed subject to confirmation of the High Court.

Following the killings, Abdus Samad Khan, a younger brother of Farhad, filed a case with Paltan Police Station accusing unknown persons.

Later, police arrested Yon and Raju in suspicion of their involvement in the murders.

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