



SNAPSHOT

Poor but Determined

Instead of using cattle to pull the plough on his farmlands, a poor farmer takes the help of his children to do the task.

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Alak Roy



You can't think of the Bangladeshi art scene without thinking of **Alak Roy**. One of the most renowned sculptors of the country, Roy showed promise from a very young age, receiving the Best Sculpture award in 1979 at the Young Artists Exhibition organised by the Shilpakala Academy. He was honoured at the Contest for Landscape Sculpture held in China in 2008, and was awarded the grand prize at the 4th Asian Art Biennale held in Bangladesh. The eminent artist and sculptor talks about his most recent project and much more with *the Star*.

Favourite Medium of Work

I love working with terracotta and ceramic. Terracotta gives me the essence of working closely with our heritage.

Your Mentor

Professor K G Subramaniam. I worked under him for two years but spoke to him only once. That one meeting inspired me to pursue my career as a sculptor.

Most significant Achievement

I participated at the exhibition 'Legacy of Ceramic Art' hosted by the Museum of Modern Ceramic Art in Gifu, Japan. The museum later stored my sculpture for permanent exhibition.

An Exhibition That's Stayed with You

A solo exhibition called 'Ecology of the Mind,' which was sponsored by Bengal Foundation and the British Council on the eve of the 'Year of Sculpture' organised by the United Nations.

Your Latest Project

I recently completed a sculpture made of steel and stone for the sculpture section of the Andres Institute of Art in New Hampshire, USA.

A Dream Yet to Be Fulfilled

I want to set a park devoted to sculptures in Bangladesh. In countries abroad, this idea of a sculpture park is extremely popular. I will be retiring next year, so I hope to start work on it then.

— FAYEKA ZABEEN SIDDIQUA



“ As Wikileaks could leak so much things, question paper leak also is not an impossible matter. It may be done by any poor staff of BG Press or ministry or DG (education) office. ”

MD MOSTAFIZUR RAHMAN

Primary and mass education minister
Said as Wikileaks could leak huge documents and information, PSC exam question papers also can be leaked easily at an exchange of views with teachers at Kendua in Netrakona

“ This isn't going to be solved overnight, this is something that is deeply rooted in our society, it's deeply rooted in our history. ”

BARACK OBAMA

US President
Said this as protests continue in cities across the United States, where thousands have gathered over the past two weeks to condemn a spate of killings of black suspects by white police