

REMARKABLE FEATS



16 eminent personalities awarded Ekushey Padak 2016 in recognition of their outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The recipients are: Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque, Dr Sayed Haider, late Syed Golam Kibria, Dr Jashimuddin Ahmed for their contribution to the Language Movement; Begum Jahanara Ahmed for arts-television and film; Pandit Amaresh Roy Chowdhury for arts-classical music; Begum Shaheen Samad for arts-music; Amanul Haque for arts-dance; late Kazi Anwar Hossain for arts-painting; Mafidul Haque for contribution to the Liberation War; Toab Khan for journalism; Prof Dr ABM Abdullah and Mongsen Ching Monsin for research; Joityprakash Dutt, Prof Dr Hayat Mahmud and Habibullah Siraji for language and literature.



15 distinguished personalities and the Bangladesh Navy honoured with Swadhinata Padak for their great contributions in their respective fields. The recipients are: Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, Jute and Textiles Minister M Imazuddin Pramanik, poet Nirmalendu Goon, late Moulvi Asmat Ali Khan, Squadron Leader (ret'd) Badrul Alam (Bir Uttam), Shaheed (martyr) Shah Abdul Mazid, Shaheed (martyr) Abdul Ali, late AKM Abdur Rouf, late KM Shihab Uddin, Syed Hasan Imam, late Rafiqul Islam, Abdus Salam, late Prof Maksudul Alam, late Mohammad Rafi Khan (MR Khan), Rezwana Chowdhury Banya and Bangladesh Navy.



Samsul Alam Helal selected for the prestigious international platform for young photographers, Joop Swart Masterclass 2016 organised by World Press Photo.

A team of scientists led by Bangladeshi astrophysicist Rubab Khan of Nasa Goddard Space Flight Centre has discovered five supersize stars in other galaxies on a par with the monstrous stellar system in our own Milky Way.



After 12 years of arduous breeding process, Bangladeshi scientists have succeeded in developing two modern varieties of rice suitable for cultivation in the tidal floodplain ecosystem of the southern delta region.



Sayeef Salahuddin, a Bangladeshi scientist, received the US Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honour bestowed by the US government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.