

Gems of Nazrul honours national poet  
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Marking the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 46th death anniversary, Gems of Nazrul has released their 22nd production titled "Dhrubojo" on August 27 on Channel-i and their official YouTube channel, said a press release.

"Raising more awareness among younger generation about Nazrul's ideology, his philosophy and artistic masterpieces has always been the prime aim of our initiative," said celebrated singer Sadya Afreen Mallick, the frontperson of Gems of Nazrul. "I hope we keep working towards achieving this goal successfully."

The production will feature around 50 prominent and promising artistes, including Ekushey Padak recipient Dalia Nausheen and Nazrul researcher Sumon Choudhury. They will perform the prayer song "Shuro Shomojol". Ibrar Tipu is the music composer of this production. The video for this track has been shot in a beautiful park maintained by Dhaka North City Corporation.

## Rajuk's grand plan to ease

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"We also proposed operating water-buses after connecting the two waterbodies, and eight bridges above the lake," he added.

"We further recommended taking an initiative to protect the banks on both sides of the lake, as waves will increase due to the water-buses, and this may cause erosion on the banks," he explained.

"We had suggested taking some land from Korail slum through re-settlement, and we proposed an amphitheatre by cleaning those places," he said.

Mizan said there are three points from where household sludge is being directly dumped into the lake, and Rajuk will have to take another integrated project to prevent this.

After the project

is implemented, the sludge would be taken to Dasherkandi waste treatment plant of Wasa through pipelines, and water pollution would go down significantly, he said.

The depth of the lake has decreased due to the accumulation of sludge over the years. So, Rajuk will have to remove that sludge during winter to increase its depth, he added.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND**  
Aminur Rahman, superintending engineer of Rajuk, said when they started the lake development project, there was no masterplan, but later on, one was prepared.

Based on the master plan, Rajuk started excavation work in Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara lake, which stretches for 8.8 km, in 2017.

"We have re-excavated 3.2 km after recovering 15

acres of land, and had a plan to recover a total of 82 acres from encroachers, which is very challenging for us," said Aminur.

"We have already recovered 10 acres so far [from the back of Police Plaza to the Indian embassy] and constructed roads after eviction. Rest of the land is beside Korail slum," he said.

"When we submitted the master plan to the planning commission in 2017, it decided to get Buet's opinion through a thoroughly conducted study," he said.

Hatirjheel is 300 acres and Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara lake is also 300 acres, he said.

Buet estimated the cost of this project to be Tk 4,886 crore, of which Tk 2,000 crore is for acquiring land, he said. It submitted the details to Rajuk.

various times.  
Dr Bayezid Khan gave Nazrul homeopathic treatment with B a n g a b a n d h u 's permission.  
Nurse Shamsunnahar and helping hand Wahidullah Bhuiyan were also involved in providing the poet round-the-clock

care at the time.  
"BSMMU's Cabin 117 is will remain open as a memorial museum for the rebel poet. It is a place where Bangalees bid adieu to a revolutionary leader, whose words awakened the rebellious spirit," said the vice chancellor.

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