

20 to get Shilpakala Padak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 18 cultural luminaries and two cultural organisations will be awarded the Shilpakala Padak, for the years of 2019 and 2020, in recognition of their notable contributions to different creative arenas – such as vocal music, instrumental music, dance, film, fine art, dramatics, recitation, folk culture and photography.

State Minister of Cultural Affairs KM Khalid will formally hand over the awards to the recipients on behalf of President Abdul Hamid, who will be virtually attending the event as the chief guest.

The event will be held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 4:30pm on Thursday.

A press conference was held yesterday in this regard at the Shilpakala Academy, where Liaquat Ali Lucky elaborated on the details of the award ceremony.

Each awardee will receive a cheque for Tk 1 lakh, a gold medal and a certificate.

Newsroom not for women!

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The media industry is self-regulated by the Press Council Code of Conduct for the Newspapers, News Agencies and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) Guidelines.

None of these codes have provisions for ensuring gender equality in internal structures, or provisions for outlawing sexist language, stereotyping and sexism, hatred and discrimination based on sex and gender.

Only the violence against women is acknowledged in such provisions, found the report.

A total of 43 laws and rules govern gender and media, but only about a quarter of them address stereotyping, sexism, sexist language, gender inequality in internal structures and violence against women.

"The most commonly covered provisions concern

human dignity, human rights and certain gender-based discrimination issues.

Provisions specifically addressing gender-equality concerns are relatively few. Fewer are the provisions for equal representation or treatment of women, men and recognised gender minorities," stated the report.

"Some laws, those on sexual abuse and harassment, need to extend coverage to men, boys and hijras as well."

The report studied 12 policies that govern the sector and found almost no presence of provisions for gender diversity in media ownership or media employment.

This includes The National Broadcast Policy, National Online Mass Media Policy, Community Radio Policy, Private Radio Station Policy, National

Film Policy among others. "All policies, with the exception of one, are silent about gender equality or gender sensitivity commitments of owners," stated the report.

Five major self-regulatory organisations – such as editors' and reporters' associations – within the sector were chosen for examination, and none were found to have formed any complaint redress committee for sexual abuse or harassment.

The report pointed out this is a violation of the 2009 High Court judgement, which requires such committees to exist in all bodies.

Nor have these organisations taken any complaints on gender-related issues as of yet, said the report.

Only 15 media houses said they take measures

for gender equality in newsrooms.

Only five houses showed written policies ensuring gender equality and sensitivity in content.

The report pointed out that women were least present in stories on politics and governance issues.

"Representation in economy-related stories was also significantly low. Women appeared most in stories covering crime and violence, which is a sad reflection of existing social realities."

"Women as knowers had a very low representation. Gender stereotyping and undermining in representation was common," said the report.

Principal investigator and chief researcher Quratul Ain Tahmina presented the report, which was done with support from Fojo Media Institute.

A 'castle' long-forgotten

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The prominent Mymensingh zamindars of the time, constructed the castle, popularly known as "Luhar Kuthir" or "Rang Mohol", on 27.50 acres of land at a cost of Tk 45,000 in 1879 in Mymensingh town.

Some say it was named in memory of Mymensingh's first Zilla magistrate NS Alexander. However, another group of scholars claim that the building was named after Alexander, the beloved wife of Emperor Edward.

RABINDRANATH WAS THERE

Maharaja Acharya used this building as a rest house for his guests. Rabindranath Tagore arrived in Mymensingh by train on February 15, 1926, and stayed at this place for four days as the Maharaja's guest.

People from different quarters gathered at the place during this time to get a glimpse of the poet. Tagore was accorded several receptions during his stay there.

The poet also visited the Zamindar palace of Atharbari in Mymensingh's Ishwarganj upazila on February 18 of the same year. He was given a grand reception at Atharbari Railway Station,

where he gave a short but emotional speech to the gathering.

As the place is replete with memories of the Nobel Laureate, this place was rebranded as "Rabindra Botomol".

However, the newer generations have been mostly unaware of the much-celebrated visit as no programmes were held marking the birth and death anniversaries of the bard, which was a tradition of the place some decades ago.

Besides Tagore, many great personalities, including Russian Grand Duke Boris, Mahatma Gandhi and Subhas Chandra Bose, stayed at the castle.

The rich history of the establishment remains mostly unexplored to this day. Not much has been done to create awareness either.

NOW IN RUINS

After the 1947 partition, the house was used as the library of Teachers Training College for men and teachers' dormitory.

The two-storied house has 14 rooms on the ground and first floors. Seven rooms on the first floor of the house were used as dormitories for around 60 years.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found

the floor abandoned, and in a precarious condition.

Although TTC still uses the second floor as a library for its students, this correspondent saw it to be only a shadow of its former self, in a dilapidated condition.

When asked, most of the students were found to have little to no knowledge of the history of the establishment.

Contacted, TTC Principal Prof Zainal Abedin Khan said officials of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs often contact the college authorities with proposals to renovate the castle.

"However, we do not get any follow-ups on the matter," he added.

Sabina Yesmin, field officer of Mymensingh Museum, said the castle was listed as an archaeological site in March 2019.

"The renovation work of the castle would be taken under a project, which is yet to be finalised," she added.

Citizens under the banner of "Aamra Mymensingh bashi" recently formed a human chain, demanding steps for the proper renovation of all the archaeological sites in the Mymensingh region, including "Alexander Castle" and "Shashi Lodge".

Polls under AL govt, nothing but a joke

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"Let us get united to move forward to oust the government from the office," he said.

Party's standing committee member Mirza Abbas expressed

anger alleging that the administration was making delay in giving them permission to hold the rally.

"This country is not anyone's property. I want to say clearly that this government is not the last

government. There will be another government in the coming days."

He said in the last few days, the mental strength showed by party leaders and activists is very impressive. "We know that our leaders

and activists are ready for counter-attack if the ruling party men attack us. We will resist them from now on."

Younus Mridha, joint convener of Dhaka South city unit of BNP, presided over the rally.

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got good appointments, promotions and postings during the Awami League. They are all beneficiaries of Awami League."

He said many countries, including Pakistan, have stopped using EVMs in the elections. India is also criticising the EVM's usage in the polls.

"There is a storm of criticism about EVMs all over the world, but our Election Commission has decided to buy EVMs at a cost of around Tk 9,000 crores. People of the country think that EVM is a silent vote rigging machine."

The JP leader also said while holding dialogues

with the EC, only the ruling AL advocated for using EVMs in the election. Most of the political parties and civil society members have opined against it, he added.

"If the views of political parties and civil society members are not important then why did you [EC] held meetings with us? The way the EC is acting proves that the present EC is not impartial," Chunnun also said.

"The government could not buy fuel due to a lack of dollars. People are in dire straits due to the increase in commodity prices. In such a reality, there is no reason to buy EVM machines at a cost of around Tk 9,000 crore," he said.

Introduce cyber

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AAMS Arefin Siddique, former vice chancellor of Dhaka University, said it is very important to ensure cyber security in the curriculum and train school and madrasa teachers to build awareness among students.

Educational institutes will also have to ensure extra curriculum activities in this regard, he added.

Nadira Kiron, chief reporter of ATN Bangla, stressed the children's need for more quality time with their parents.

"BTRC must take action to stop the circulation of inappropriate content on social media platforms," she said.

Alamgir Hossain Mia, associate professor at Teachers Training College, said in addition to creating children-friendly websites, BTRC must take the initiative to block sites with harmful content.

Highlighting the government's initiatives on the issue, Prof Md

Farhadul Islam, chairman of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board, said they have included various topics, including safe internet use and cybercrime in the teacher's guide for the 2023 national curriculum.

Aniqa Raisa Chowdhury, deputy director (planning), Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, said the textbooks under the new curriculum of 2023 include components like the negative impacts of misusing the internet on children's mental health.

Ali Haider Chowdhury, additional superintendent of police in Bogura, said, "Action should be taken against those who are spreading harmful content online. Filtering mechanism and cyber patrolling should also be strengthened."

Md Mofizur Rahman, professor of mass communication and journalism at DU, presented a video documentary on safe internet use at the seminar, presided over by SoMaSHte Director Mir Masrur Zaman.

State must look after them

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to secure a conviction, the judge converted the fine into compensation and awarded it to them in only seven percent of the cases. Besides, in the criminal justice system, on average, the court imposed Tk 28,000 as a fine in rape cases, which in no way can be a reasonable amount," he added.

Although the Draft Crime Victim Compensation Act 2007 mentioned that every district must have a committee to deal with the compensation of victims of violent crimes, where victims can apply for compensation from a state fund, it has not been implemented even after 15 years.

"India made amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure in 2009 to specifically recognise the victim's right to compensation," said Tagbir.

Supreme Court lawyer Ainun Nahar Siddiqui, who joined the event virtually, described why financial support is not enough for

rape victims as they find it difficult to survive in society.

"If the victim is a child, the state must take the responsibility for their education (from grade one to master's), and ensure their rehabilitation. If the victim is a woman, the state must take the responsibility for her education and employment," she said.

Rina Roy, a member of Naripokkho, said if the rape victims are to get compensation for the crime committed against them, the state must keep into consideration of the physical, psychological and financial aspects equally and this must not be given only after the conviction.

"The victims of rape need to be hospitalised from day one, and that requires money," she said.

Referring to the widely reported case of a five-year-old girl, who was abducted and raped by the father of one of her friends in Dinajpur in October 2016, Rina said an

organisation named "We Can Bangladesh" is bearing the treatment cost of the girl, which was supposed to be provided by the state.

Taslima Yasmin, associate professor of law at Dhaka University, focused on ensuring the presence of shelter homes and livelihood opportunities for rape survivors and sensitising the judges on the draft act.

Begum Lutfun Nesa Khan said she will discuss the issue in the parliament.

She also urged legal aid organisations to study the psychology of rapists and find out the root cause behind it and address those, which might help in reducing the number of such crimes in the future.

Supreme court lawyer ZI Khan Panna; SM Rezaul Karim, legal advisor, BLAST; and Shrabana Datta of WN Women; also spoke at the event, moderated by Supreme court lawyer advocate Tazul Islam, also a BLAST advisor.

I don't care

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and their attendants go through," wrote Dr Amir in his complaint.

Contacted, Director of the hospital Dr Sharif said they received the complaint letter from the doctor.

"We are taking the allegation very seriously. The matter is currently being investigated," he said.

No fertiliser

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artificial fertiliser crisis in Bangladesh by hoarding or spreading rumours. We will not let any corruption percolate into the sector," he said.

Case against Kamal

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lawyers for the complainant, told The Daily Star.

Advocate Omar Faruque Faruqi, general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum at Dhaka Bar Association, filed the case.

In the complaint, the complainant said BNP on September 10 announced it would hold rallies at 16 places to protest the price hike of essentials and fuel, and the death of its activists during the recent protests in Bhola and Narayanjan.

BNP's Dhaka north city unit was preparing to hold a rally around 1:30pm on that day on Mukul Fouz Field in Mirpur 6.

But before the rally started, AL leaders and activists being instructed by the state minister and other leaders took out a procession around the venue and tried to chase away the protesters, who retaliated with throwing brick chips, said witnesses.

The state minister and many other leaders were present on the spot when the incident occurred. The ruling party men also vandalised the stage, motorcycles and nearby shops, the complainant added.

Aid not reaching

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of the fishing ban in the sea from February to May this year, fishermen in Patharghata union were supposed to be provided with 160kg of rice in four phases.

However, they were given only 61 to 80 kilos of rice.

"We demand cash incentives, proper distribution of the allocated rice and the inclusion of fishermen under the scheme," said Mizanur Rahman Bahadur. SM Zakir Hossain of Patharghata Jatio Samrik Federation demanded that the government establish a specialised bank for fishermen.

"A large number of fishermen took loans at high rates of interest from local well-off individuals and non-government organisations. They have to bear the brunt of the high-interest rates throughout the year as they do not earn anything during the fishing ban," he added.

MJF officials also recommended updating the list of fishermen every two years, ensuring government aid to all fishermen, introducing cash incentives of Tk 8,000, and bringing fishermen under a specialised loan system, among other measures.

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১। বিএসসি (ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং) অথবা নবায়নযোগ্য জ্বালানী বা জ্বালানী সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে স্নাতক (সম্মান) বা স্নাতকোত্তর পরীক্ষায় অবতীর্ণ বা সদ্য উত্তীর্ণ (পাশ করার পর দুই অগ্রাধিকার পাবে।	১। আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের নিজ নিজ শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে অনাপত্তি সনদ (প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) গ্রহণপূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রসহ অনলাইনে স্রেডা বরবর নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন করতে হবে। বিজ্ঞপ্তি ও আবেদন ফরমের লিংক স্রেডার ওয়েবসাইটে (http://sreda.gov.bd/) পাওয়া যাবে।
২। আবেদনকারীকে কম্পিউটার ব্যবহারের দক্ষ হতে হবে।	২। প্রোগ্রামের মেয়াদ ০৩ (তিন) মাস (নভেঃ, ২২-জানুঃ, ২৩)।
৩। জ্বালানী বিষয়ক বিভিন্ন সফটওয়্যার এর উপর দক্ষতা থাকলে প্রার্থী বাছাইয়ে অগ্রাধিকার পাবে।	৩। প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় সকল সনদপত্রের মূল কপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।
৪। আবেদন ফরমের লিংক: https://forms.gle/StxmoQ2poY4hFhR5A	৪। চূড়ান্তভাবে উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের ইমেইল ও ডাকযোগে অবহিত করা হবে।
* আগামী ০৫ অক্টোবর ২০২২ তারিখের মধ্যে অনলাইনে আবেদন সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।	৫। পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য প্রার্থীদের টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।
	৬। নিয়মিত কর্মসম্পাদন ও এক্সপোজার ভিজিট এর জন্য ই-টানিশিপের মাসিক জনপ্রতি ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা সম্মানী প্রদান করা হবে।
	৭। ই-টানিশিপ বাছাইয়ের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

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