

Shishu Academy introduces national award for children

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AIMED at hunting for new cultural talents at the grass-roots level, Bangladesh Shishu Academy has introduced 'Jatiya Shishu Puroshkar Protijogita 2016'.

Under the initiative, children from all over the country are vying for a place on the podium from different disciplines from January 1.

Of these, national-level competitions in disciplines like Chhara, Gaan, Kathak, Bharatanatyam, storytelling, painting, Manipuri dance, folk dance, Lalangeeti, Murshidi, songs written by Hasan Raza, patriotic songs and Tagore songs will be held on January 20.

On January 21, competitions will be held in the disciplines of sports, creative dance, Bhatiali, Bhawaiya, Palli Gneti, Uchchangô Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, acting, clay art, Haamid and Nfat.

Children in disciplines of poetry recitation, Qirat, playing tabla, dotara, sitar, sarod, flute, guitar, keyboard, behala and impromptu speech will compete on January 22.

President Abdul Hamid will distribute prizes among the winners of different disciplines on January 23 in the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium.

State minister for women and children affairs Meher Afroz Chumki and secretary of the ministry Nasima Begum will be present at the programme as special guests. Chairman of Shishu Academy Selina Hossain will preside over the function.