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Academy of fine arts shortly

NARAYANGANJ, Aug. 4.—Mr. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury Minister for Cultural Affairs and Sports said here today that the Government has decided to set up an academy of fine arts in the country shortly to train young artistes, says BSS.

He said that the training will be imparted in the academy on different aspects of staff notation of our folk songs to enable the young artistes to acquire guideline for new songs.

The Minister was speaking as chief guest at a reception meeting organised by Narayanganj Rifle Club in honour of the recipients of President's awards.

Mr. Chowdhury said that the future national chorous should be written in such a language as will be understandable to masses. He said the academy would also carry out research on rural songs, staff notation of folk music for conservation of our musical heritage.

Referring to sports, the Minister said that three cadres of players will be raised and given field training to upgrade the standard of sports and games in the country.

The function was rounded off with a musical soiree.

Engg. colleges to be integrated with varsities

The Government has decided to finalise the proposal for the integration of the three engineering colleges at Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna with the Universities of Rajshahi, Chittagong and Dacca respectively as institutes of engineering of those universities. The proposed integration has already been agreed upon by the universities concerned and institutional framework and other details in this regard are being worked out, says a PID handout.

This integration is expected to provide more freedom of action in the operation and development of the three engineering colleges.