



### Civic reception to Angela Gomes in Jessore today

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A civic reception will be accorded to Ms. Angela Gomes, Founder Director of Jessore-based 'Banchte Sheka' on her having been awarded Magsaysay Award '99 in Jessore today.

This civic reception has been jointly arranged by USC Canada-Bangladesh and Adolescent Development Forum-Bangladesh. To be presided over by M.A. Zaman, Country Director, USC Canada-Bangladesh and Chairperson, Adolescent Development Forum-Bangladesh, the reception will be attended by Ms. Asrukana Das, National General Secretary, YMCA, Bangladesh and Amirul Rasul Deputy Commissioner as special guest and chief guest respectively.

Ms. Angela Gomes is now working with about two lakh underprivileged women at grassroot level in Greater Jessore. She started this venture with only five women.

The Manila-based Magsaysay Foundation declared this prestigious award which is recognised as Nobel Prize of Asia, to Ms. Gomes for her outstanding contribution to the cause of the disadvantaged women in ensuring their socio-economic empowerment over the last one and a half decade.

Meanwhile, Ms Gomes has declared to donate all the money (50 thousand US dollar) of the award to use in creating opportunities to village girl and enhance their technical skill and stream line them in developmental activities.