

CA gives away Ekushey Padak

*Asks all to start afresh
taking lesson from past*

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Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday said now is the time for people to turn around and make a fresh start on the right path to progress by taking lesson from past mistakes.

"As a nation we have a tradition of struggle, indomitable will force, exemplary tolerance and intense devotion to work. Common people of the country are advancing in the struggle of life regularly facing various kinds of disasters. A nation that has earned independence through a great liberation war cannot concede defeat," said the chief adviser.

He was speaking at the Ekushey Padak (Award) 2008 giving ceremony organised by the Cultural Affairs Ministry at Osmani

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Memorial Auditorium.

Terming the Amar Ekushey a visible symbol of 'our patriotism, national spirit and united effort' the chief adviser called for intensifying the momentum of combined efforts and fostering determination for country's development and progress imbued with the spirit of Amar Ekushey.

He reminded that 1971, the year of Liberation War, came treading the bloodstained path of 1952, the year of Language Movement, and the nation got the recognition of an independent national identity, but the nation's dreams and aspirations were dashed for various reasons.

Fakhruddin handed over the prestigious award to the recipients and family members of those awarded posthumously.

Nine persons, five of them posthumously, were adjudged for the Ekushey Padak 2008 for their extraordinary contribution to respective fields.

The award recipients are Dr Nazma Chowdhury (Research), Khandokar Nurul Alam (Music), Wahidul Huq (Music, posthumous), Shamsundar Boishnob (Music, posthumous), Shefali Ghosh (Music, posthumous), Professor Dr Mozaffar Ahmad (Education), Khaleque Nowaz Khan (Language Veteran, posthumous), Professor Dr Zohra Begum Kazi (Social Work, posthumous) and Kabi Dilwar Khan (Literature).

The award carries a gold medal, a

citation of honors and a cheque Tk 40,000 each.

Professor Mozaffar Ahmad was at the function on behalf of the recipients.

Cultural Affairs Adviser Rashid Chowdhury chaired the function conducted by Cabinet Secretary Imam Majumder.

The deputy speaker, advisers, special assistants to the chief adviser, distinguished personalities, demotics, poets, writers, singers and cultural activists were present.

The chief adviser said his government is going ahead towards holding a free, fair and acceptable election alongside keeping the country's economic activities in motion.

He noted that they had already embarked upon the journey on the path towards good governance through necessary reforms in various areas but said it needs cooperation, overall participation and awareness of all for further advances.

"And honest, competent, brave and dedicated persons will lead the nation and grace various seats as representatives of the people."

The chief adviser urged all in the perspective of party and opinion to work together to establish a progressive and democratic society.

Prof Mozaffar said economic emancipation has not been attained as participatory democracy is yet to be established.