

## Taslima to receive the prize for Grameen Bank

A Grameen Bank borrower, owners' representative and member of Board of Directors Ms Taslima Begum will receive the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of Grameen Bank today at City Hall, Oslo. It may be noted here that Dr Muhammad Yunus and his institution Grameen Bank have been jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

Ms Taslima Begum is a member of Grameen Bank Board of Directors, Centre No. 02/Ma, Dhainagar, Shibganj Thana, Rajshahi zone.

She was born to a poor family. She could not proceed beyond class V at school due to family hardship. She was given in early marriage. But her husband's household was also financially constrained, without any land and he was unemployed.

She observed many like her in the area had changed their lot through small business, poultry rearing etc. borrowing the investment money from Grameen Bank. So, she also contacted her village centre of Grameen Bank and became a member on 02 May, 1992.

Taslima Begum is a 15th time borrower. First time she took Tk. 500/= common credit. She opened a watch repairing shop for her husband with the bank loan. She used to grow vegetable and rear poultry at her own house. She has taken loan of about Taka two lakh up to now in phases. At present her easy credit amounts to Tk. 1000/-. She now owns a Mishuk utrickshaw. Her mango orchard on one bigha land provides her a



yearly profit of taka 2,000/-. Besides, her pisciculture provide Tk. 30000/- as profit per year. She is a well to do person now.

**How elected member of Board**  
She has been known as the best member in the centre. She is reliable to all and all respect her. Adjudged more competent in development and organisation works of the centre, she has been made chief of the centre. Thereafter, there was held a workshop at the branch with all heads of centre under it where she presented her experience with Grameen Bank and the story of her financial development. Being adjudged the most competent from all sides at the workshop she was selected a branch representative. Thereafter she was selected as representative at regional level and area level in turn and was nominated a Member, Grameen Bank Board of Directors.



Ms. Taslima Begum receiving the Nobel Peace Prize trophy.