

Alakta literary award distributed

By A Correspondent

COMILLA, Jan 11: Alakta Sahitya Parishad gave literary prize for 1981 to poet Hasan Hafizur Rahman and Hasan Azizul Haque in recognition of their contribution to poetry and fiction respectively at a ceremonial function held recently at Comilla District Council Hall.

Each prize comprised a gold medal one thousand Taka in cash and a certificate from the Parishad. The prize committee consisted of Messrs Al-Mahmud, Siddiqur Rahman Shahid Akhand and Md Yunus Ali with Dr. Anisuzzaman as Chairman.

Dr. Kazi Abdul Mannan, Senior Professor in the Department of Bengali, Rajshahi University, presided over the function. Mr. Azizul Haque, sometime Agricultural Advisor to the Government of Bangladesh, now Director-General CIRDAP, graced the occasion as chief guest.

The function was initiated by Prof. Titash Chowdhury, Secretary of the Alakta Sahitya Parishad and editor of the Alakta literary magazine. Prof. Laila Noor, Chairman of the Parishad, in her opening speech explained the object of the prize.

Mr. Md. Yunus Ali spoke on behalf of the prize committee. Principal Muslehuddin Ahmed, Director of the Parishad, offered thanks to the guests and wished the prize winning litterateurs happy and prosperous life.

A seminar organized under the joint sponsorship of Alakta Sahitya Sanskriti Sangsad, Rajshahi on the contributions of late Prof. Abdul Hai, a linguist, was also held. The seminar was presided over by Dr. Muniruzzaman, Chairman of the Deptt. of Bengali, Chittagong University. Dr. Kazi Abdul Mannan and Principal Minnat Ali were present as chief guest and special guest respectively.

The Seminar observed two minutes' silence praying for the salvation of the departed souls of late S. A. Bari and veteran journalist late A. Gafur of Brahmanbaria.

Obituary

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BARISAL, Jan 11: Al-Haj Dr. M. Ahmed, an eminent eye specialist of Barisal, breathed his last at 3.15 p.m. on Monday, January 4 at his Barisal residence. He was 82.

A popular physician, Dr. Ahmed had been a religious minded, affectionate and amiable gentleman. He was associated with many social welfare work. He left behind six sons, four daughters, many grandchildren to mourn his death.