

24. MAY 1993.

15

DU honorary degrees to 33 since 1922

Dhaka University has so far conferred honorary degrees of Doctor of Science, Doctor of Literature and Doctor of Laws on 33 outstanding personalities since 1922 including Nobel Laureate Pakistani Professor Abdus Salam, who was given the degree of D.Sc. Honoris Causa today in a special convocation, reports BSS.

In the field of science Sir C. V. Raman, another Asian Nobel Laureate, was the first to receive the honorary degree of D.Sc. from the university in 1932. Sir Jagadish Chandra Basu, Sir Prafulla Chandra Roy, Prof Satyendra Nath Basu (Posthumous), Dr Hirendralal Dey, Dr Mohammad Kudrat-i-Khuda and Dr. Kazi Motahar Hossain were other outstanding scientists to receive the honorary D.Sc degree from the university.

In literature Poet Rabindranath Tagore was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature by the university in 1936. In the same year Sir Jadunath Sircar, Sir Mohammad Iqbal and Sharat Chandra Chattopadhyay received the degree of D. Litt. Honoris Causa from the university. In 1974 Dr Muhammad Shaidullah (Posthumous), Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and Prof Abul Fazal were awarded the honorary degree of D. Litt.

Mohamohopadhyaya Harprasad Shastri, the first Head of the Department of Sanskrit and Bengali in the university, was the first man to receive the D. Litt degree in 1927.

Ms Soong Ching Ling, Vice President of the People's Republic of China and wife of Dr Sun Yat Sen, Chinese Premier Chou En Lai, Jamal Abdel Naser of Egypt, Sher-e-Bangla A. K. Fazlul Huq, Sir Abdur Rahim, Sir A. F. Rahman, Khwaja Nazruluddin, His Highness Aga Sul-

tan Sir Mohammad Shah Aga Khan and Field Marshal Mohammad Ayub Khan were among the political personalities to receive the degree of Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa from the university.

The first Chancellor of the University, the Earl of Ronaldsay, was the first man to receive the honorary Doctor of Laws in 1922.

Other recipients of the degree of doctor of laws included the first Vice Chancellor of the University Phillip Joseph Hartog in 1925, former vice chancellors Sir C. Stanley in 1932 and Sir John Anderson in 1936.

Each of 1936 and 1974 saw the highest number of eight outstanding personalities given the honorary degrees by the university.