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19 teachers win UGC Award

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University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh will today hand over the UGC Award for the years 2006 and 2007 to 19 teachers of different public and private universities in recognition of their fundamental research works.

At a Meet-the-Press at its office yesterday, UGC Member Prof Atful Hye Shibly announced the names of the winners.

In 2006, nine university teachers have been selected for the UGC Award in six academic areas -- arts, humanities, law and education; social science; engineering and technical sciences; physical and life sciences; agricultural sciences and medical science, he said.

They are Dr Redwanul Haque of Dhaka University (DU), Prof Mohammad Mostafa Kamal of Islamic University, Dr M Manjurul Karim of DU, Prof Syed Badiuzzaman Faruque of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Prof MA Mazid of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Prof Anisul Haque of East West University, Prof Alimul Islam of BAU, Dr Abdus Shakur of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and Dr Gour Gobinda Goswami of North South University.

For the year 2007, ten teachers have been selected for the award in five areas.

They are Jahangir Hossain of Rajshahi University (RU), Prof Dr Sharif Uddin Ahmed of DU, Prof M Nurul Islam of Maulana Bhasani University of Science and Technology, Prof Mofiz Uddin Ahmed of Brac University, Prof AM Imamul Huq of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Dr Abu Hadi Noor Ali Khan of BAU, Prof Aminul Islam of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Prof Dr Murari Mohon Roy of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology, Prof Laila N Islam and Prof KS Rabbani of DU.

Each winner receives Tk 20,000 in cash, a certificate and a crest.

The UGC introduced the award in 1980 to encourage university teachers to do fundamental research works, Prof Shibly said.

Asked whether the research works are being done in a lower scale at the private universities since only three private university teachers have won the award, Prof Dr Ehsanul Haque, another member of UGC, said there are not adequate facilities for doing researches in the private universities.

"I think private universities are relatively new and are not matured enough compared to the public universities and many public university teachers take classes in the private universities," he said.

Besides, private universities are not allowed to offer PhDs due to lack of facilities, he said.

However, he is hopeful the facilities would be developed in course of time.

Education Adviser to the Prime Minister Prof Alauddin Ahmed will be the chief guest at today's programme while former vice chancellor of Chittagong University Prof Alamgir Muhammad Serajuddin will be present as special guest.

UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam will preside over the ceremony.