



3 writers win BRAC Bank-Samakal Shahitya Puroshkar 2011

Syed Shamsul Haq, Hasan Azizul Haq and Dravid Saikot honored

Dhaka, Sunday, April 15, 2012: Versatile writer Syed Shamsul Haq, Novelist Hasan Azizul Haq and young poet Dravid Saikot have won BRAC Bank-Samakal Shahitya Puroshkar.

Syed Shamsul Haq won the award for his poetry 'Tobu Benche Thaka Oporoop' in poetry, novel and story category, Hasan Azizul Hoque for his autobiographic novel 'Uki Diye Digonto' in essay, autobiography and travel story and Dravid Saikot for his poetry 'Boyangsi Charkay Langol Kabbo' in juvenile literature category.

BRAC Bank Limited and Daily Samakal have teamed up to launch the literary award to inspire renowned and young writers and litterateurs to further enriching Bangla literature.

The award was announced at a program in Dhaka on April 15, 2012. Professor Emeritus Dr. Anisuzzaman was present as chief guest at the award program. Mr. Syed Mahbubur Rahman, Managing Director & CEO, BRAC Bank Limited; Mr. Golam Sarwar, Editor of Samakal; was present at the program. Literary personalities and social elites will join the program.

Winners in poetry, novel and story category and essay, autobiography and travel story category; and juvenile literature category got Tk. 1 lac each as prize money. Three books were selected from books published in the year 2011.

The literary award program has generated huge enthusiasm in literary community of Bangladesh. Some 400 books were submitted for the three categories. A panel of jury comprising Prof. Mustafa Nurul Islam, Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Poet Asad Chowdhury and Selina Hossain have selected the winning books.

Professor Emeritus Dr. Anisuzzaman appreciated BRAC Bank and Samakal for initiating the literary award program.

After the award program, three winners -- versatile writer Syed Shamsul Haq, novelist Hasan Azizul Haq and young poet Dravid Saikot expressed their happiness on getting the recognition.

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