

Luna Shamsuddoha honoured posthumously by Portugal for contributions in ICT sector

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Online Desk: Luna Shamsuddoha, a pioneer in Bangladesh's ICT sector, was posthumously honoured with the 'Meritorious Achievement Award-2023' by Portugal for her contributions to ICT.

The award ceremony organized by the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) and the National Electoral Commission of Portugal was held in Lisbon on November 15.

The award was conferred on Luna Shamsuddoha in recognition of her invaluable contributions and lifetime dedication to electoral management including the formulation of fingerprint and photograph-based voter lists in Bangladesh alongside her contribution to electoral management in different countries of the world.

Her remarkable legacy in the realm of electoral affairs has left an indelible mark, the organisers said.

The 'Meritorious Achievement Award' was handed over to Reem Shamsuddoha, daughter of the late Luna Shamsuddoha, at the function which was attended by dignitaries from electoral commissions from around the world.

Soreto de Barros, president of the National Electoral Commission of Portugal, officials of election commissions of various countries, and former chief election commissioner of India Nasim Zaidi, were present, among others, on the occasion.

Luna Shamsuddoha breathed her last on February 17, 2021. The ICPS mentioned that Luna Shamsuddoha was conferred the prestigious award due to her invaluable contributions to the electoral management of various countries of the world including Bangladesh through the use of ICT.

Regarding the award, AKM Shamsuddoha, husband of the late Luna Shamsuddoha, said the 'Meritorious Achievement Award' conferred posthumously on Luna is a matter of great pride. He also recalled the tireless efforts of the engineers and officials of Dohatec New Media towards the achievement.