

# 4 women received Rokeya Padak

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Online Desk : Four women have been awarded the prestigious Rokeya Padak in recognition of their significant contributions in their respective fields. The recipients are Dr Rubhana Rakib in the category of women's education (research), Kalpana Akter in women's rights (labour rights), Dr Nabila Idris in human rights and Ritu Porna Chakma in women's empowerment (sports).

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus, attending as the chief guest, handed over the awards at a programme held at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka on Tuesday morning. The event is chaired by Sharmin Murshid, adviser to the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. A cultural programme, including the screening of a documentary titled Ami-e Rokeya, was held to highlight Begum Rokeya's contributions to promoting women's education and combating child marriage.

Begum Rokeya Day is being observed to commemorate the life and contributions of Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, a trailblazer in the fight for women's rights and education in the Indian subcontinent. Marking the day, Women and Children Affairs Ministry, Begum Rokeya Foundation and various socio-cultural and political organisations have arranged elaborate programmes. Born on December 9, 1880, at Pairaband village of Rangpur, Begum Rokeya passed away on the same date in 1932.