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## EWU holds fourth 'Nehreen Khan Memorial Lecture' by Selina Hossain

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A lecture was organized at East West University (EWU) in the memory of a former student of EWU, Nehreen Khan, the late daughter of Dr Akbar Ali Khan, a former adviser to the caretaker government of Bangladesh.

Selina Hossain, a distinguished literary writer, and the current president of Bangla Academy also spoke at the fourth "Nehreen Khan Memorial Lecture" held at EWU in Dhaka's Aftabnagar area on Tuesday, said a press release.

"There is no freedom to write whatever one likes as an invisible shackle is placed around the writer. Due to the lack of this freedom, writers around the world have been tortured and oppressed for ages. However, despite this persecution, writers remained vocal on the path of truth and justice, so a writer is considered the conscience of the nation," Selina Hossain said.



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The subject of Selina Hossain's speech was "Writer's Journey in the World of Literature". In her speech, she highlighted the points to be considered by a writer in the field of writing.

According to her, the writer will stiffen the spine and write honestly with their feelings. "S/he should not become a parasite or a slave to the will and unwillingness of others," she said adding that it is dishonorable for a writer to not be able to speak honestly.

On this occasion, Selina Hossain, the award-winning personality of "Sadhinota Padak" and "Ekushey Padak" was honoured at the program.

Syed Manzur Elahi, chairperson, Board of Trustees, EWU, and former adviser to the the caretaker government of Bangladesh, Professor Dr MM Shahidul Hassan, vice-chancellor, Prof Dr Fakhrul Alam, former-pro vice chancellor, AZM Shafiqul Alam, treasurer, Ariful Islam, faculty member, of EWU also delivered their speech on the occasion. Dr Akbar Ali Khan was present at the lecture, along with faculty members, students, and other dignitaries.