



President of Bangla Academy Selina Hossain speaks at a memorial meeting on Nehreen Khan at East West University in the city's Aftabnagar on Tuesday. ■ NN photo

## EWU holds 4th Nehreen Khan memorial lecture

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There is no freedom to write whatever one likes as an invisible shackle is placed around the writer, said Selina Hossain, a distinguished literary writer, and the current President of Bangla Academy.

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 as the conscience of the nation.

Selina Hossain said these things at the 4th 'Nehreen Khan Memorial Lecture' held at East West University (EWU) at Aftabnagar, Dhaka on Tuesday.

The subject of her speech was the 'Writer's Journey in the World of Literature'. In the speech, Selina Hossain 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 remaining honest with his feelings.

She should not become a parasite or a slave to the will and unwillingness of others. She also said that it is dishonorable for a writer not to be able to speak honestly.

The lecture was organized 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. On this occasion, Selina Hossain, an award-winning personality of 'SadhinotaPadak' and 'EkusheyPadak' was honored at the program.