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First collaborative project with saris

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For the first time in Bangladesh, an ongoing, collaborative art and advocacy project of storytelling with Saris will be on display. Titled 'Her Words: Storytelling with Saris', the exhibition will be inaugurated on July 19 at 5pm at the EMK Centre, Dhaka. A book



launching ceremony will also be held besides the exhibition. Bangladeshi-American artist and activist Monica Jahan Bose will create a site-specific installation of saris and video in collaboration with women from her ancestral village and Brooklyn-based filmmaker Nandita Ahmed. United States

Ambassador Dan W Mozena will be present as a chief guest. In addition, Dr Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development, art critic and professor of Dhaka City College Moinuddin Khaled, Enayet Khan, Chairmen, Cosmos Group and Cosmos Gallery and Rafiqul Islam, moderator of Liberation War Museum will also be present as special guests. This exhibition is highlighting the achievements of literacy and climate adaptation by women in the remote island community of Katakhal, Bangladesh which is a part of an eco-empowerment program started by Samhati, a US-based non-profit group founded by Bangladeshi-American women.

In Storytelling with Saris, Bose collaborates with 12 Katakhal women who have survived successive cyclones, learned to read, and rebuilt their lives as they continue to improve their community. New York-based Bangladeshi filmmaker Nandita Ahmed accompanied Bose to document the project with photography and video.

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