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Shabana Azmi to speak at BRAC University convocation

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Legendary multi-award winning Indian actress Shabana Azmi, who is also a UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador, social activist and recipient of the prestigious Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri award, will be present during the 11th Convocation Ceremony of Brac University that will take place tomorrow in Basundhara International Convention City. As a member of the governing body, she will be present as a speaker during the convocation ceremony. Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid will be present as chief guest for the ceremony. Shabana Azmi has acted in over 120 Hindi and Bengali films, which includes both mainstream and independent films. She is regarded as one of the finest actresses in India. She is also a social and women's rights activist. For her epic performances in films, she has won the National Film Award five times, and also won awards such as Filmfare award and several international awards. As a committed social activist, she campaigned against ostracism of victims of AIDS, a supporter of survival of children and fighting injustice in real life. She has also been an activist for other issues as well.

For her contributions towards arts, culture and also for her social work, she received various awards and recognitions such as Rajiv Gandhi Award for 'Excellence of Secularism', Martin Luther King Professorship award by the University of Michigan, Gandhi International Peace Award, awarded by Gandhi Foundation, London, the World Economic Forum's Crystal Award, Yash Bhartiya Award by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for highlighting women's issues in her work as an actress and activist and many more recognitions both in India and abroad. She was honoured among "women in cinema" at the 30th International Film Festival of India. She made her acting debut through the film 'Ankur' in 1974 and for her role as Laxmi, she received the National Film Award for Best Actress. Shabana Azmi also worked in a 2002 Bangladeshi film titled 'Meghla Akas', directed by Nargis Aktar, which also included popular Bangladesh actress Mousumi and actor Shakil Khan, among others.

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