Professor Shafiul Alam, a prominent educationist, writer and educational material developer, was given the Chand Sultana Award for the year of 2017 for his outstanding contribution to education materials development and education research activities. Advocate Mostafizur Rahman, Primary and Mass Education Minister handed over the award to him in a formal program on 22 April 2018 at the auditorium of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) headquarter.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam presided over the program while Shahnewaz Khan, Chief Executive Officer of CINED, DAM read out the introduction of the awardee. Mustagisur Rahman, former colleague of Chand
Sultana reminisced her and DAM Gender Focal Point Ferdousi Akhter presented the identity of the late Chand Sultana. Executive Director of DAM Dr M Ehsanur Rahman delivered the welcome address.

It is to be noted that in order to recognize significant contribution in different fields of development, Dhaka Ahsania Mission launched 'Chand Sultana Award' in memory of late material developer and literacy expert Chand Sultana in 2001. DAM has awarded ten noted persons and seven organisations so far.