

Historians urged to reflect hopes of people

RAJSHAHI, Mar. 18:—President Ziaur Rahman called upon the historians to correctly write the history reflecting the hopes and aspirations of the people of the country, reports BSS.

In a message on the occasion of 14th annual national history conference, which concluded here yesterday the President said it was the duty of the historians to analyse the facts and write the same for future guidance of the nation. He said that the history was the media through which people could know the past.

Planning Minister Dr. Fasiuddin Mahtab, who inaugurated the three-day conference in his speech called upon the historians to study the behaviour of the commonman of the present day. He said they should also give up intellectual dishonesty and selfish tendency for greater interest of the nation.

About one hundred historians from home and abroad participated in four sessions on history and culture of the subcontinent.

Dr. Sufia Ahmed, Chairman, Islamic History and Culture, Dacca University was the main president in the conference.

Among the noted historians Prof. Abu Mohammed Habibullah, Prof. Salahuddin Ahmed, Dr. M. Mukhlesur Rahman, Dr. Enamul Huq, Mohammed Habibullah Enamul Huq, Dr. Sadar Ali Akhand and Mr. Abdul Kalam Zakaria of Bangladesh, Prof. Arun Kumar (Kumar) Basu, Dr. A. Nuradha Roy, Dr. Shachindra Kumar Maiti, Dr. Kanailal

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Chottopadhyay and Dr. Mrinal Kumar Basu of India participated in the conference. Fourteen research articles based on history were read out in the four sessions of the conference. Mr. Amirul Islam Kalam, State Minister in charge of Ministry of Culture, Dr. Fazlul Haq Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Dacca University, Prof. M. R. Saikat, Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University and Mr. Sved Ahmed, Commissioner, Rajshahi Division presided over the sessions.