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## Bangla Academy book fair opens today

The Amar Ekushey Granthamela (book fair) begins today (Thursday) at the Bangla Academy premises, reports BSS.

There will be 179 stalls including 150 book stalls in the fair where the number of book stalls was 143 last year.

Prof. M. Innas Ali will inaugurate the fair, organised jointly by the Academy and Bangladesh Pustak Prakashak-O-Bikreta Samity.

The fair is a major feature of the three-week Ekushey programme of the Bangla Academy which began on February 1.

Beside the book fair, the programme includes publication of books including six volumes of Bangla translation of the great Persian epic 'Shahnama' by Ferdousi, discussions on books and giving away of Bangla Academy Literary Award 1990. A juvenile painting competition has already been held.

Bangla Academy director General Dr. Mahmud Shah Qureshi, while exchanging views with newsmen Monday at the academy, sought cooperation of people from all walks of life, the students and different organizations to make the Ekushey programme a success.