

## World book fair begins in Delhi today

NEW DELHI, Feb 2:— The nine-day 12th World Book Fair begins here tomorrow, reports BSS.

Mr. Ahmed Faraz, eminent author and Managing Director of the National Book Foundation of Pakistan will inaugurate the function while noted writer and chairman, National Book Development Council of Sri Lanka, Dr. Gunasena Vithana, will preside over it.

Selina Hossain, a noted writer of Bangladesh will also address the inaugural session of the function, organised by the Indian National Book Trust (NBT).

Three Bangladeshi writers as well as some publishers representing different publishing companies and organisations are already in the city to participate in the fair.

Bangladesh will put up on display about 2500 books on different subjects at the exhibition. A total of 1150 persons are expected to participate in the fair of whom 325 will represent Indian languages and 510 English publishers, said an official source. There will be 75 foreign participants from 50 countries including the USA, the United Kingdom and Germany.

Besides, Selina Hossain, Prof. Wakil Ahmed and poet Al-Mahmud are already in the city as guests of the National Book Trust.

Dr. Mofakharul Islam, Chief Librarian of University Library, Mohiuddin Ahmed, University Publishers Limited, Nazmul Karim of Karim International and Mesbaud-din Ahmed of Ahmed Publishers are participating in the fair.