

Students advised to inculcate habit of reading books

From Our Correspondent

NARSINGDI, Jan 9:—A 7-day long book fair organized by district administration at Narsingdi thana parishad premises on January 1 concluded. A colourful rally was brought out in the streets of the town on the opening day.

A total of 24 stalls including one food and one flower stalls were set up in the fair. A huge quantity of books written by country and foreign writers were displayed in the fair.

The Deputy Commissioner, Narsingdi, Rafiqul Islam inaugurated the function as chief guest. The meeting was addressed among others by ADC (Rev) Bijan Kanti Sarker, the Deputy Director of Agriculture Shamsul Haq, Police Superintendent Khandaker Shaheb Ali and Prof. Halimuzzman.

Noakhali

Our Noakhali correspondent reports: A seven-day long Book Fair held at Shahid Minar square. The fair arranged in observance of National Book Day was formally inaugurated by DC Noakhali KMD Abul Kalam.

About 15 stalls including public library and local publications were set up in the mela.

Literary competition, cultural competition including debate, recitation, painting, songs and music were arranged every day of the fair.

Drama, cultural function, dialogue with the local poets and writers were also included in week long programme.

The district administration arranged the mela in cooperation with local literary and cultural organisations.

Narail

Our Narail Correspondent adds: A week long Book Fair with view to

including the habit of reading books was formally inaugurated at the local auditorium by Mr. Ashrafuddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner, Narail as the chief guest on January 1.

Presided over by Mr. Hossain Jamil, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Gen) the ceremony was addressed by the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion he called upon the guardians to inspire the new generation to devoted to reading of books for the creation of consciousness. He stressed the need for reading book to acquire real knowledge. He advised the students to avoid the misdeeds which demoralised the children and vitiated the society.

Elaborate programmes including rally, discussion meeting, recitation of poems, rendering of songs, cultural function, and painting competition for the children, debate for schools and college students, hand writing competition for the children, film show, staging of dramas and general knowledge and competition have been chalked out to observe the week.

Ram Narayan Public Library Award '96 giving ceremony organised at its premises was held on December 25.

The students of Lohagora thana who have secured star marks in the SSC Examinations held in 1996 were given the awards.

Mr. Sharif Khashruzzaman MP attended the ceremony as chief guest while Mr. Abdul Awal TNO, Lohagora was in the chair.

Barisal

BSS adds: A week long 'national book fair '97' concluded at the central Shahid Minar premises on Tuesday.