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## DU programmes to observe 'Amar Ekushey'

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The Dhaka University authorities have chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the Amar Ekushey and the Golden Jubilee of the historic Language Movement in a befitting manner.

Like the previous years, this year's Ekushey observation will be kicked off by placing floral wreaths by the President at the altar of the Central Shaheed Minar at zero hour on February 21.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and her cabinet colleagues will place the wreaths following the President.

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, members of Dhaka University Syndicate and the Language Veterans will place their wreaths in memory of the Language Martyrs of February 21, 1952.

The programmes were designed at a meeting of the university authorities, Senate and Syndicate members, Teachers' Association, representatives of student organisations, and the staff organisations at the university Administrative Building on Tuesday.

Over the years the university authorities organised the Amar Ekushey programmes.

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A high-powered observance committee headed by the president and General Secretary of DUTA was formed at the meeting. Ten sub-committees were also formed at the meeting.

The meeting decided to contact the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament to fix the time of her placing wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar.

'Placing' of wreaths will continue till 2:00 pm on February 21, the meeting decided. The National Flag will be hoisted half-mast atop all buildings and black flags will also be hoisted.

The meeting decided that no photographs or portraits would be hung at the central Shaheed Minar nor any rally would be held around the Shaheed Minar area from 7:00 pm on February 20.

The DU VC will fix the time for placing wreaths by representatives from the diplomatic missions after contacting them, the meeting decided.

The meeting requested the television channels to telecast the Ekushey programme live from 7:00 pm on February 20.

Besides, the university authorities will arrange different programmes to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Language Movement and the International Mother Language Day 2002 from February 18.

The Amar Ekushey Hall of the university will arrange a special programme to celebrate the Golden Jubilee celebration.