

## **300 new books to appear at Book Fair**

About three hundred new books will appear on the occasion of Ekushe February Book Fair '96, reports Media Syndicate.

The theme of this year's Ekushe February Book Fair is to extend the horizon of knowledge by reading more books and motivating the people to read. Bangla Academy has been publishing, on an average, hundred books on arts, literature, science, medicine and religion on a regular basis annually. The Academy has published four thousand books on various subjects during forty years since its inception.

Mansur Musa, Director General, Bangla Academy said that the Academy had been successful to publish books on different subjects since inception despite financial constraints. He

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stressed the need for associating good academicians and scholars to expedite the process of publishing substantive books. The Academy building needed expansion to cope with its increasing activities, he added.

Akhlaqur Rahman, General Secretary, Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Association said that 100 members of the Association are taking part in this year's Ekushe book fair. He urged the government to reduce the price of paper and printing materials to enable the readers to buy more books.

The fair this year is largest so far in terms of number of stalls and publication of books of mostly local writers, an official of Bangla Academy told this correspondent.