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## Book fair on Ekushe opens

State Minister for Sports and Culture, Mr. Aminul Islam Kalam, stressed the need for holding book fairs in rural areas especially in the mofussil towns in order to acquaint the vast majority of our population with our rich literary heritage, reports BSS.

Mr. Kalam was inaugurating on Saturday the fortnight long book fair organised by Bangla Academy at the academy premises in observance of the forthcoming Ekushe February.

Presided over by Mr. A. F. M. Abdul Haque Faridi, President of Bangla Academy, the inaugural ceremony was addressed among others by Dr. Ashraf Siddiqui, Director General of the Academy.

About 50 book published and selling agencies are participating in this fair.

ENA adds: Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy has drawn up a week-long programme to observe the 'Ekushe February'.

The programme will be inaugurated at the academy premises on February 15.