



Call to evolve new ideas for mass education

Bangla Academy on Sunday held a seminar on "twenty years of Bangladesh : education and curriculum" as part of its month-long programme on the occasion of "Amar Ekushey," reports BSS.

Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharafuddin presented the key-note paper. Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui presided over the function.

Prof M Shamser Ali, Prof Shafiu Alam and Dr Nurun Nahar Faizunniisa took part in the discussion.

Dr Sharafuddin said in his paper that one out of every four persons was literate at the time of emergency of the country. After two decades of the independence, the literacy rate rose to only 32 per cent, which meant that more than two thirds of the country's population still remained uneducated, he

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mentioned.

Dr Sharafuddin said the programmes undertaken by the government in the fields of primary education, mass-literacy and science and technology were inadequate.

He reminded that the overall existence of the nation, as well as democracy, was connected with the progress of education.

Prof Shamser Ali said that to educate the vast uneducated multitude in the minimum possible time, education programme were to be taken with newer ideas.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, in his presidential speech, expressed the hope that the present democratic government would pursue an education programme that would be really beneficial for a larger number of people.

In the cultural function of the Bangla Academy in the evening, Papia Sarwar rendered Tagore songs.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

A seminar on "Amar Ekushey and Liberation War in architecture" will be held today (Monday) at the Bangla Academy premises.

Architect-Poet Rabiul Hussain will present the key-note paper with veteran Architect Mazarul Islam presiding.

On the second day of its three-day Shaheed Dibas programme, Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) Sunday held a debate at the TSC. The title of the debate was "our intelligentsia have failed to fulfil the expectations of the society."

Later, it held an open discussion on "language movement-independence-democracy: our achievement and failure." It was participated by messrs Mujibar Rahman, Hakim Arif, Abdur Rasheed, Kamrul Hasan and Sheikh Masudur Rahman.