



PM to open Ekushey Book Fair today

The traditional Amar Eku Book Fair begins on the Bangla Academy premises today (Friday) afternoon, commemorating supreme sacrifices made by heroic sons of the soil for holding the prestige of mother tongue Bangla in 1952, reported BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the month-long fair at 3 pm at a simple ceremony.

This year a total of 237 stalls have been set up on the premises by reputed publishers compared to 215 in last year, Director General of Bangla Academy Prof Syedur Rahman Hussain said at a Press conference on Thursday.

A special area would be earmarked for books on children and juveniles alongside special corner for writers and little magazines at the fair, he said.

A computer firm, CITL, will launch a web site to disseminate different information about the fair on the Internet.

The fair premises would be declared as smoking and polythene free place.

Special arrangements have been made to ensure the safety of women and children.

A series of discussions would be held on the "Demands and Potentialities of the 21st Century" during the month-long fair.