

## 'Education system lacks proper attention'

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Experts have blamed the intellectuals and politicians for not paying due attention to the development of country's education system.

They said due to lack of proper attention by the politicians and intellectuals, total education system is in a shambles.

"Poor budgetary allocation and misappropriation of fund also work as obstacles to quality education in our country," said Mohiuddin Ahmed of University Press Limited.

The experts were speaking at the launching ceremony of Bangla version of Torin Finser's 'Shikkhar Abhijatra' at the Goethe Institut in the city on Thursday.

The book is an account of one

Waldorf teacher's journey with his class through the curriculum from grade one to eight.

Dr Sanjida Khatun, a noted educationist, said the new method of Waldorf education would provide our teachers and students an alternative teaching method.

She said this method does not involve conventional textbooks which over burden the students.

Bernd Ruf, who flew from Germany to conduct a four-day workshop on Waldorf Education, explained the Waldorf teaching method.

He said Waldorf schools, founded 80 years ago, follow an innovative method of teaching.

"The book will not only give the reader a lively introduction to

Waldorf pedagogy but also provide stimulation and encouragement for his or her own pedagogical work," said Ruf, a key official of Friends of Waldorf Education.

Translated by Prof Shafi Ahmed and Md Towhid, the Bangla version of the book was published by the University Press Limited.

The Bangla translation gives an insight into Waldorf education, a new trend that can bring qualitative change in the education system of the country, Prof Shafi Ahmed said.

The function was also addressed by Marlis Sander, initiator and co-ordinator of the translation work and Dr Markus Litz, director of Goethe Institut.

Herrmann Nicole, charge d'affairs of German Embassy, said the book has been published as part of the cultural exchange programme between Germany and Bangladesh.

He unveiled the book by handing over a copy to Peter Albrich, managing director of Siemens Bangladesh, which sponsored the publication of the book.