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International language instt to be set up: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Thursday announced that an International Institute for Language and Culture would be established for researchers to study languages, including Bengali that earned world recognition, reports UNB.

She unveiled the government decision at a national-level meeting that chalked out elaborate programme to celebrate the newly declared International Mother Language Day through fortnight-long function.

UNESCO recently declared 21st February as International Mother Language Day recognising Bengali nation's language movement in 1952. Like other UN Days, this Day will be observed around the world.

The meeting, presided over by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, decided to start the celebrations from December 7.

Prime Minister Hasina will be present at the discussion meeting and later lead the march towards Shaheed Minar where she will lay a floral wreath at the altar of the language martyrs' memorial on behalf of the nation. The celebrations would continue till 21st February.

Political leaders, including BNP

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Chairperson Begum Khaleda, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad, Left-leaning parties, intellectuals and cultural activists, were invited to the meeting.

Addressing the meeting Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged all political parties, cultural organisations and intellectuals to joint the grand celebrations to be hosted by the state.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Education Minister ASHK Sadique, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf, AL Presidium member Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, Hasan Imam, Asaduzzaman Noor, Gaziul Haq, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Rokonzaman Khan Dadabhai, Prof Rafiqul Islam, Suranjit Sengupta, Rahat Khan, Laikat Ali Laki, Habibur Rahman Milon and Humayun Azad took part in discussion to fix up the celebration programme.