

## Int'l Mother Language Instt to observe Ekushey

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International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) will observe the Golden Jubilee of Amar Ekushey February and International Mother Language Day 2002 for the first time after it was commissioned last year.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has set this year's theme of the International Mother Language Day as "In the Galaxy of Languages, Every Word is a Star".

The IMLI, a project under the Ministry of Education, has chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the glorious Day and pay homage to the martyred heroes of the Historic Language Movement of 1952.

In observance of the Day, it will organise a function for holding a seminar and handing over Sammanana Padaks (honorary awards) at Bangla Academy auditorium at 10 am on February 18. Education Minister Dr Osman Faruque and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Sclima Rahman will attend the function as the chief guest and special guest respectively.

The IMLI has nominated two personalities for the Sammanana Padaks for their outstanding contributions in the fields of language and literature.

Famous linguist and litterateur Dr Muhammad Shahidullah (posthumous) and National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan have been nominated for the Sammanana Padaks introduced for the first time by the IMLI.

Every year from now on, the Sammanana Padaks will be awarded to two personalities for their contributions in language and literature. One of them will be nominated from Bangladesh and the other from any country of the world. UNESCO will nominate the foreign personality for the Padak.

The IMLI in cooperation with the Modern Language Institute under Dhaka University will arrange a three-day book and multimedia exhibition on "World Languages" at the National Museum in the city. Beginning on February 16, the exhibition will remain open for public from 10:30 am to 5 pm everyday. Deputy Minister for Education Abdus Salam Pintu will inaugurate the exhibition at 10 pm on February 16.

It will publish a souvenir, a brochure and bring out supplements in national newspapers on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day.

The decision of establishing the IMLI in Dhaka was taken following the UNESCO announced the 21st February as the International Mother Language Day on November 17, 1999.

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