

Ekushey Book Fair concludes today

Book lovers and visitors thronged the Bangla Academy premises on Thursday as the month-long Amar Ekushey Book Fair closes today (Friday), says UNB.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia inaugurated the book fair, a crucial event held every year commemorating the supreme sacrifice of language heroes, on February 1.

Bangla Academy in cooperation with Bangladesh Publishers and Booksellers' Association organises the book fair every year.

Some 268 stalls have been set up in the fair by the book publishers this year.

Over 1,100 new books have so far hit the bookstalls. Of them, 58 came today, sources at the fair said.

The new books include 'Media in Times of Crisis' by Afsan Chowdhury, 'Eighty-eight Days of Caretaker Government' by Baby Moudud, 'Bangladesh 2001: Society and Politics' by Syed Anwar Hossain, 'Bangladesh 2001' by SM Alamgir Kabir, 'Atish Dipankar' by Nurul Islam Manik and 'Poverty and Environment' by Mahmud Shafiq.

Three bookstalls have won prizes of Bangla Academy for their attractive designs and arrangements. The bookstalls are Samoy Prokashani (first prize), Anyaprokash (second) and Agami Prokashani (third). The prizes will be distributed today (Friday).

Meanwhile, a discussion meeting titled 'Development of Education System in Bangladesh: The Role of Private Universities' was held at the Bangla Academy premises on Friday.

Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury presented a paper on the topic while Dr Khaliqzaman Ilias, Prof Nurul Amin Bepari and Is-haraf Hossain also took part in the discussion.