

Bishwa Sahitya Kendra awards 3,806 students

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Bishwa Sahitya Kendra awarded 3,806 school students, who participated in a book reading programme, on the first day of the prize giving ceremony in the capital's Ramna Batamul yesterday.

The kendra is awarding 5,703 school students of 72 schools in Dhaka in the two-day long ceremony.

During the reading programme, all the awarded students read between seven and 16 books over a span of 20 weeks. A total of 30,000 students took part in the reading programme.

The programme has been encouraging students to read books for the last 35 years.

Students received books as prizes from noted personalities like the kendra founding chairman Abdullah Abu Sayeed, eminent authors Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Selina Hossain and Anisul Hoque, architect Mobassher Hossain, magician Jewel Aich, and education Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury.

Zafar Iqbal expressed his delight at discovering the enthusiasm among students about reading books.

"There is really no alternative to reading books if you want to be an enlightened human being," Anisul Hoque told the students.

The remaining students will be awarded today.