

Selling of pirated books at Ekushey Book Fair

A number of publishing houses at the Amar Ekushey Book Fair are reportedly selling pirated books violating the rules and regulations of the fair, concerned quarters alleged, reports BSS.

The month-long book fair that began on the Bangla Academy premises in the city on February 1, commemorating the great Language Movement of 1952, has got momentum.

Some renowned publishers alleged that the Bangla Academy authorities are largely responsible for such irregularities, as many publication houses which do not qualify for participating in the fair are getting stalls every year.

Despite authorities' warning against the publication houses not to flout the rules and regulations

are yet to be taken against the defaulters.

According to the rules and regulations, publication houses having at least 15 new publications in one year, will qualify for getting stalls in the fair.

Osman Gani, a publisher of "Agamee Prakashani", alleged that the rules and regulations regarding allocation of stalls and sale of books are being flouted every year.

Director General of Bangla Academy Syed Mohammed Shaukat told BSS that a vigilance team is working to find out the stalls violating the rules by displaying and selling pirated books, books without copyright and books from other publication houses.

"We will not tolerate the evil signs of profiteering in violation of the rules and regulations of the fair," he asserted.

9 get 2008 Ekushey Padak

Nine distinguished personalities of the country have been awarded the 'Ekushey Padak' 2008 in recognition of their outstanding contributions in their respective fields, reports UNB.

The awardees are Dr Nazim Chowdhury (research), Khandaker Nurul Alam (music), Wahidul Huque (music-posthumously), Shyam Sundar Baishnab (music-posthumously), Shefali Ghosh (music-posthumously), Prof Iqbal Mozaffar Ahmad (education), Khaleq Nawaz Khan (language), Prof Dr Zohra Begum Kazi (social work-posthumously) and Dilwar Khan (literature).

Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed will formally distribute the awards among the recipients at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium here on February 20 morning, said a PID handout.

65 new books hit Ekushey Book Fair

A total of 65 new books made their way into the Bangla Academy Ekushey Book Fair on Monday, reports BSS.

The new books include 14 on novel, 13 on poetry, six on prose, five on rhyme, three on traveling, two on essays, two on Liberation War, two on juvenile's literature, two on biography, one each on history, science, religion, research and drama and 10 on other kinds.

Discussion and cultural functions that are being held everyday drew huge crowds today.

A discussion on "Achievement in 36 years arts-literature:

Novel (1972-2008)" was held on the academy premises today.

Ahmed Mowla presented a keynote paper at the function, chaired by Ahmad Kabir.

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