

EKUSHEY BOOK FAIR 42 new books on 11th day

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Different publication houses shelved a total of 42 new books on various categories at the Amar Ekushey Book Fair with the presence of a number of eminent personalities yesterday.

Eleven of the newly published books were on poetry, eight were story books, six novels and four books on essay.

Former chief adviser to the caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman, former advisers Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Transparency International Bangladesh Trustee Board Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, Prof Anisuzzaman and poet Belal Chowdhury also visited the fair for inaugurating two books by Major General (Retd) Moinul Hossain Chowdhury Bir Bikram and former governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Mohammad Farashuddin.

Justice Habibur Rahman unveiled the cover of 'Ganatantrer Pothey Arthonitir Samriddhi', while Prof Muzaffer Ahmad unveiled the cover of 'Deshta Kemon Kore Emon Holo', both published by Mawla Brothers.

Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Prof Anisuzzaman and Belal Chowdhury attended the ceremony as guests.

Cover unveiling ceremony of three other books were also held yesterday.

A discussion on 'Classification of Bangladeshi novels: Feature and changes' was held as part of regular programme at the Bangla Academy stage yesterday afternoon, followed by a cultural function.

Prof Mohammad Abu Zafar presided over the discussion, while Dr Gias Shamim presented an essay on the issue.

Bangla Academy authorities yesterday launched a drive at the fair against selling of pirated books and selling of books of other publication houses, as a number of stall owners reportedly continued violating rules and regulations.

Acting Director General of Bangla Academy Mainul Hasan said the authorities will continue this relentless effort against those stalls that are violating rules.