



Visitors at the solo painting exhibition of Nazlee Laila Mansur that opened at the Zairul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts on DU campus yesterday.

## Net enrolment in schools 86 pc, Nat'l Edn Survey reveals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The net enrollment of children aged between six to 10 years at school is 86.04 per cent while that of the girls' is 85.92 per cent, the National Education Survey '99 of post-primary level reveals.

while Teknaf Upazilla of Cox's Bazar ranks lowest with 44.90 per cent. This was revealed at a seminar on the survey organised by Bangladesh Bureau of Educational and Statistics (BANBEIS) at a local hotel yesterday.

The number of net enrolled children aged between six to 10 years of age rose to 95.76 per cent in 1999 from 93.19 per cent in 1997 despite a sharp drop in birth rate due to population control.

The rate of literacy among people above 15 years of age is 50.20 per cent and the rate above seven years is 65.05 per cent, according to the final report.

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Those who had applied for the post of General Manager (Health and Development) earlier need not apply for this position.

## Data entry of 7 crore voters completes

BSS, Dhaka

Data entry of about seven crore, out of 7.48 crore voters, have been completed so far, a press release of the Election Commission said yesterday.

This was disclosed at a meeting of the commission with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) M A Sayed in the chair.

The meeting was informed that printing of voters list containing at least two crore voters has been completed.

Data entry of the voters of 50 districts has already been completed and printing of the voters' list of eight districts is nearing completion.

The meeting was also informed that a total of 77 vendors were given the responsibility of printing the voters' list of 64 districts of the country and seven task forces, comprising the officers of the election commission secretariat, have been inspecting the progress of the printing work of the voters' list.

CEC directed all officers and vendors concerned to complete the printing of voters' list on an urgent basis.

Election Commissioners Abidur Rahman, Mustaq Ahmed Chowdhury and Saifur Rahman and secretary of election commission secretariat M Anwar Hossain attended the meeting.

## Pink panel sweeps CU Senate polls

BSS, Chittagong

Pro-Awami League Pink Panel swept the election of the teachers' representatives to the Senate of Chittagong University held here on Saturday.

Pink Panel candidates bagged 29 out of a total of 33 posts in the Senate, according to an unofficial result available here on Saturday night.

White Panel backed by others won four posts.

Prof Mohammad Abdul Hakim of Political Science got the highest 244 votes.

Details of the result could not be known immediately.

## DRU workshop for economic reporters begins Feb 16

UNB, Dhaka

A two-day workshop for economic reporters will begin at the Dhaka Reporters Unity Office in the city on February 16.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria will inaugurate the workshop on financial reporting, organised by DRU in collaboration with various financial institutions.

Eminent economists, bankers and editors of national dailies will conduct different sessions in the workshop, said a DRU press release.

DRU, as part of its Meet the Reporters programme, will hold a meeting with Canadian High Commissioner David Preston at its office on February 15.

The High Commissioner will deliver a special lecture on Bangladesh-Canada Relations in the programme.

## GCO sit-in on JU campus Feb 15

UNB, Savar

Ganotantik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) will stage a token sit-in on the campus on February 15 protesting terrorist acts by the activists of Chhatra League, student wing of ruling Awami League.

The programme was announced at a press conference held at the office of Jahangirnagar University Journalists Association (JUJA) yesterday.

GCO leaders in the press conference also demanded punishment to those responsible for the attacks on the students.

They alleged that Chhatra League activists assaulted Samajjantrik Chhatra Front Convenor Mahfuz Ahmed on February 5 and attacked a student Rubel at the cafeteria of the university on February 7.

General Secretary of Samajjantrik Chhatra Front Asana Ayub Anic and General Secretary of Chhatra Union Meer Asan Habib Reaz were, among others, present in the conference.

## JS body meeting held

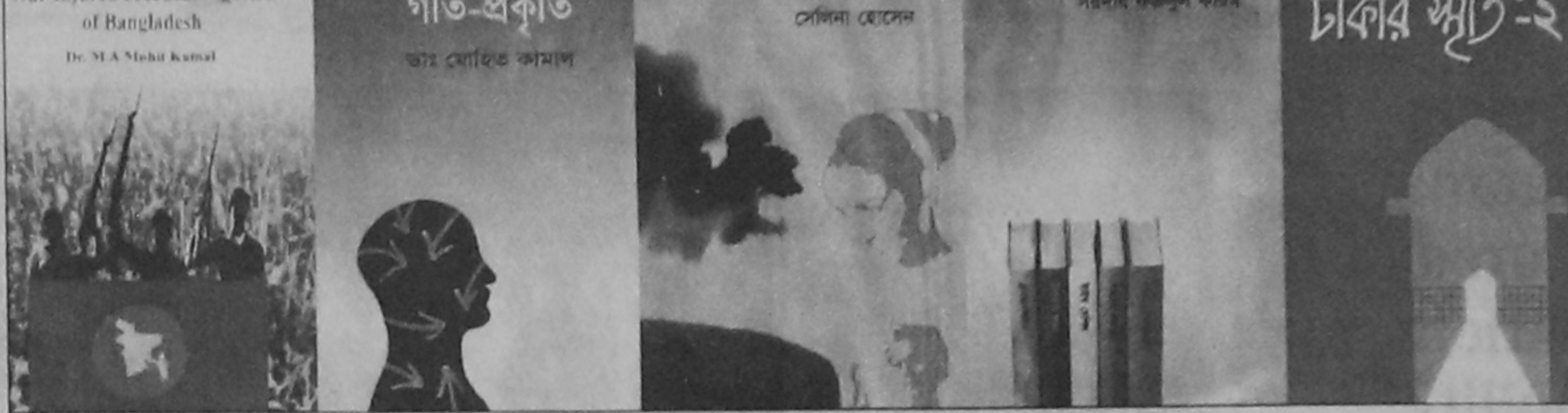
UNB, Dhaka

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources Ministry in a meeting yesterday discussed a plan for excavating various water bodies including rivers and canals.

A list of rivers and canals, which need excavation in next five years, was presented in the meeting held at the Sangsad Bhaban with committee chairman Abdul Momin in the chair.

## Ekushey book fair gains momentum

More books out on tenth day of the annual event



DU CORRESPONDENT

The month-long Ekushey Book Fair gaining momentum day by day as more and more bookworms are making to the fair at Bangla Academy.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader visited the fair in the afternoon yesterday.

Several new books were published yesterday on the tenth day of the annual event. These included *Manoh Moner Gati Prokity* by Dr. Mohit Kamal, *Issues of Governance in Bangladesh* by Abul Maal Abdul Muhit, *Arhanthir Raja*, *Arhanthir Praja* by Abdul Bayes, *Issues of Depreciation and Investment Policy* by Dr. Shaifq A Siddiqi and Dr. Humayun Mursheed, *Kathi Koylar Chobi* by Selina Hossain, *Hameela and Galpo Samago* by Dilara Hashed, *The Mind of War-Injured Freedom Fighters of Bangladesh* by Dr. MA Mohit Kamal is expected to arrive today.

Like previous years, books by popular writer Humayun Ahmed are also in the high demand among the young bookworms.

Anna Prokash, a publication house introduced *Mrimnoyee* and *Teul Bone Jostna* by Humayun Ahmed at this year's fair. The other books of the writer including *Aaj Chitrar Biye Hobe* are also selling like hot cakes.

Other books selling well at the fair are Muhammad Zafar Iqbal's science fiction *Fobianer Zafree*, Imdadul Haq Milon's *Esho*, Sumanta Aslam's short story *Shapna Beri*.

Bangladesh Astronomical Association (BAA) and Biggan Chetona Parishad are attracting the science-based book lovers with their variety of books, journals and poster. The BAA brought a new publication titled *Biswalyakar Mohakashi* by KP Nandi along with their huge collection of monthly *Mohakashi Barta*.

Talking to The Daily Star, president of BAA Mashurul Amin said, "our mission is to just let

people make interested on science and astronomy as well. The response of the visitors is good."

People are also crowding the stall of Liberation War Museum and Bangladesh Postal Department, which are selling attractive memorial stamps.

BASE, a local IT firm showcased a children's learning software titled *Pathshala* is also attracting a large number of visitors.

The British Council is offering easy membership for the students with a 10 per cent discount at the fair.

One of the significant characteristics of this year's fair is participation of Non Government Organisations (NGO) with their different campaigns including BRAC, Proshaka, CARL, Disability Resource & Documentation Centre (DRDC), IJDC, Education Research Complex (ERC), Amnesty International Bangladesh and Bangladesh Bible Society.

Besides, Sandhani is collecting blood from the donors and they

have so far collected more than 150 bags of blood since the opening of the fair.

Meanwhile, many organisations are holding different programmes to mark the historic Ekushey February (Feb 21) and International Mother Language Day.

The Bangla Academy held a discussion on "Demand and Possibilities of 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Science and Technology in Bangladesh" at the book fair premises.

Prof. Jamal Nazrul Islam presented the keynote speech on the topic while Prof. Dijen Sharma, Syed Muhammad Humayun Kabir and Prof. Hiranmay Sen Gupta took part in the discussion.

Sammilita Sangkritik Jote (SSJ) held a cultural programme at the Central Shaheed Minar to mark the Amar Ekushey.

A two-day long cultural competition for the children begins tomorrow at Bangladesh Shishu Academy as part of the programmes of International Mother Language Day.

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3) The last date of selling tender is 19th February 2001. The last time of receiving tender is 20th February 2001 at 1130 hours. Tenders will be opened the same day at 1200 hours.  
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