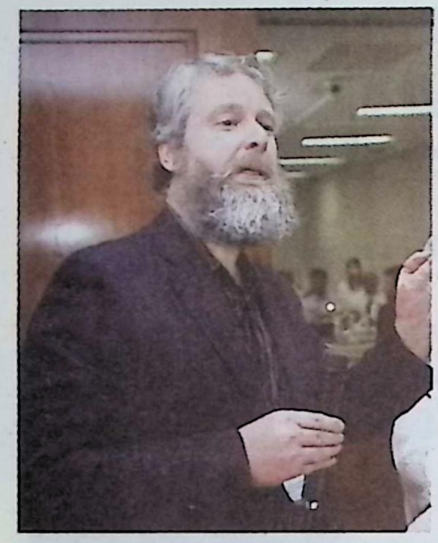
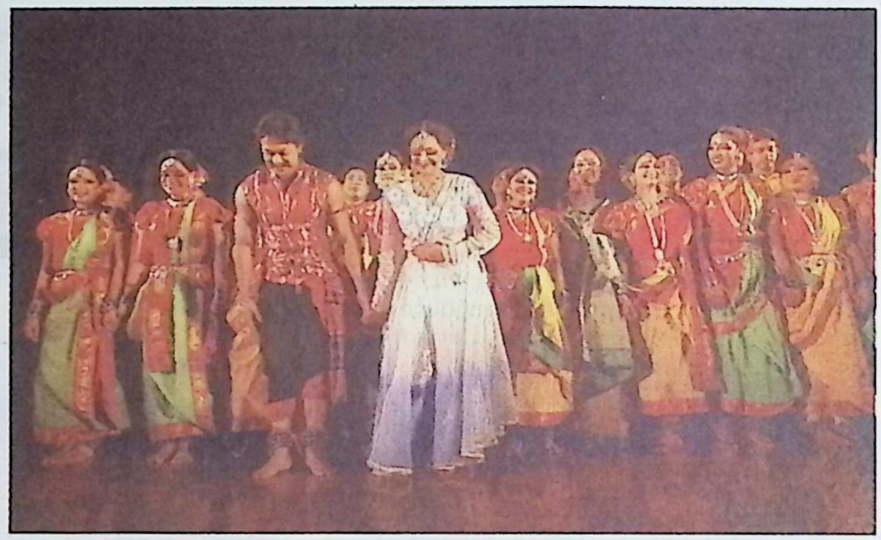




In addition to the local research papers, there were publications from The Open University (UK), Performance Improvement Project (Sri Lanka), University of Ibadan (Nigeria), International Network for Development (India), University of Leeds (UK), Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages (Taiwan), Jinnah Women University (Pakistan), Evergreen Valley College (USA), Victoria University (Australia), University of Sains (Malaysia), Orissa Primary Education Programme Authority (India), Mosaica Education (Qatar) and Simon Fraser University (Canada).

Professor Christopher Kennedy, Director of Centre for English Language Studies of University of Birmingham (UK) spoke as the keynote speaker during the first day of the conference. During his speech, he mentioned about a book which was published 30 years ago titled 'Can language be planned?'. He said the scenario back then portrayed in the book has changed and that we are now living in a globalised world where we use global language. He compared the language policy and development issues in this century that were discussed in the conference with the question raised in the book.

Plenary speakers during the conference were Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam, Department of English, University of Dhaka, Dr. Sadeka Halim, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka and Mustafa Jabbar, Chief Executive of Ananda Computers. Dr. Halim discussed how the use of language can marginalize and exclude women from development. She brought out the issues concerning gender and development where language has tremendous power to shape and influence the role and identity of women by means of texts, literature, media and others. The first day of the conference ended with a lively cultural programme followed by dinner. During the second day of the conference, Hamidul Haque, Assistant Professor of American International University Bangladesh opened up the day by presenting his research paper titled --'





