

5 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CHILD LOVE BANGLA MORE

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The Language Movement Shaheeds Mohammad Salauddin, Abdul Jabbar, Abul Barkat, Rafiquddin Ahmed and Abdus Salam had given up their lives to protect the Bangla language from getting lost from the pages of history. Again, our time has come to preserve the dignity of Bangla and implant its true authenticity within our children, within the new generation. Here are five ways for you to make your child love Bangla even more:



1

Introduce your child to the history behind "21st February, 1952"

Even though your child would come across and study the history behind "Ekushey February" from their school's textbooks, however, don't let that confine their intake of this knowledge only to pass exams or get good grades. Introduce "21st February, 1952" to your child's little heart from an early age to help instill the significance of *Bangla Bhasha* in them for a lifetime.

2

Encourage them to practice speaking in “*Shuddho Bangla*”

You could allocate a certain time of day and converse in *Shuddho Bangla* (formal Bangla) with your child to help them inherit the right art of speaking. These practice sessions could be conducted over family dinners or while you and your family are stuck in traffic or even during evening chit-chats. You could also try incorporating Bangla songs sung with proper accent into your child's playlist.

3

How Bangla gave rise to the International Mother Language Day (IMLD)

UNESCO declared 21st February as International Mother Language Day in the year 1999. To help your child realise the sheer amount of struggle and sacrifice undergone in order to give Bangla the status it deserves, teach them also how IMLD came into existence. Let them know that on 21st February, the whole world pays tribute to the Language Movement of 1952 and also celebrates every language existing worldwide.

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**Take them to *Amar
Ekushe Grantha
Mela* each year**

Encourage your child into building the habit of reading a wide range of Bangla literature. Do not let go of the chance to take them to the Ekushey Book Fair every year. Help them choose Bangla books of their interest. You could also pick-up one or two of your own taste.

5

Instill Respect for Bangla language

Guide your child into being a proper and proud user of the Bangla language. Show them how to respect the language we have shed blood for. Remember, no matter what you say to your child, they learn best by following your footsteps. So, before you keep a tag on your child, be sure of your own beliefs and motives.

A woman with dark hair and a gold bindi, wearing a traditional Indian saree and gold jewelry, is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. She is positioned on the left side of the advertisement. The background is a warm, golden-yellow gradient with a bokeh effect of small lights. On the right side, there is text in Bengali and English, along with images of Sandalina skincare products: a box of Sandal & Moisturiser, a yellow jar of Sandal & Sandal, and a pink jar of Sandal & Rose. The overall theme is traditional beauty and skincare.