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Language used in books at primary level criticised

A seminar on language of children's text books was held on Monday at the Teacher-Student Centre of Dacca University under the auspices of Bangladesh Bhasha Samity, says BSS.

The seminar was presided over by Prof. Ahmed Sharif, Chairman, Department of Bengali of the University and President of the samity. Mr Ahmed Kair, Mr Mansur Musa, both teachers of Bengali department and Bashir Al Helal of Bangla Academy presented three separate papers in the seminar on text books at primary level of education. Among others Prof. Sirajul Islam Choudhury, Mr. Mamtazuddin Ahmed, Mr A. K. Fazlul Haque, Dr Humayun Azad spoke in the seminar.

The speakers criticised the language used in books at primary level. They maintained that books at primary level were written in a very complex and hard language which the immature students specially in the rural areas failed to understand properly.

Prof. Ahmed Sharif, in his presidential speech said that professional educationists should be entrusted with the responsibility to prepare curricula at every level of education. He also said that the burden of learning languages in addition to Bengali at primary level should be reduced.

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