

Bangla Academy urged to reduce cost of books

Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury Minister for Sports and Cultural Affairs on Tuesday urged the officers and staff of Bangla Academy to work hard with utmost devotion and sincerity in discharging their duties and responsibilities reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing the officials and Heads of Departments at a meeting at the office of the Director General Bangla Academy in Dacca on Tuesday morning. The Secretary Ministry of Sports and Cultural Affairs was also present in the meeting.

The Director-General of Bangla Academy Mr. Ashraf Siddique apprised the Minister of the functioning and activities of various department including the publication cultural research, text-book compilation translation folk-lore and journal.

Mr. Choudhury emphasised the need for better co-ordination with other sister organisations for avoiding unnecessary duplication of work. He said that the cost of production of Bangla Academy books should be minimised as far as possible so that the people could afford to purchase them

easily. He suggested periodical publicity of its publications for promoting the sales of the Academy books in the market. The minister assured all Government co-operation for development of the Academy. Later, the Minister accompanied by the Secretary Ministry of Sports and Cultural Affairs went round different departments of the Academy and talked to the employees and enquired about their work. While visiting folk-lore museum the Minister emphasised the need for preservation of folk-lore and setting up a Folk Academy in near future in the country.