

Encyclopedia of Bangladesh to be out by 2002

Banglapedia, the Encyclopedia of Bangladesh in ten volumes in English and Bangla, will come to light in 2002, reports BSS.

"Banglapedia, a ten crore taka project of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB), will encompass the whole range of knowledge of the people of Bangladesh and their culture and civilisation from the pre-historic times to date," ASB president Professor M Harunur Rashid said while speaking at a function in observance of the 47th founding anniversary of the society yesterday afternoon.

He said, the encyclopedia of Bangladesh has been designed as a national reference work, research and information tool for scholars, professionals, students and other general users.

Professor Jamal Nazrul Islam, Director, Research Centre for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Chittagong University, delivered a lecture on "aspects of Science and Civilisation in Asia" at the function. ASB General Secretary Dr Sajahan Miah and Secretary Professor Mahfuza Khanam

also spoke on the occasion.

At the onset of the function, Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan was awarded the Justice Muhammad Ibrahim gold medal, 1998 for his book "Discovery of Bangladesh: Explorations into Dynamics of a Hidden Nation," published in 1996.

Former head of the caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman, lawyer Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed and council members and members of the society were, among others, present on the occasion.