

Two books launched

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA, Jan 11: Two books — six volumes of interviews of Benazir Bhutto (in the Sindhi, Urdu and English languages) and the 'Moenjodaro, Indus Civilisation' by Sir John Marshall — were launched at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Memorial Library here on Friday.

Speaking at the launching ceremony Sindh Minister for Culture Sassui Palijo said it was easy to initiate and complete the projects of vital importance but maintaining them was a question of commitment.

She said the towering personality of Benazir Bhutto demanded an extensive

research to cover her multi-dimensional personality of international stature.

She regretted that in the past when the federal government had the control over 130 archeological sites in Sindh only Rs800,000 was allocated annually.

Culture secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili said that within five years 200 books covering a number of subjects had been printed in the Sindhi, Urdu and English languages as against only 135 books printed over the last 40 years by the department.

He said reprinting the Sir John Marshall book, first printed in 1931, was decided as it was currently out of stock. Unesco and the culture department had unanimously

decided to reprint the book which would now be sent to the world libraries as a reference book. It contained complete documentation of the author's work from 1911 to 1922 about the excavation work carried out at Moenjodaro, he said.

"We are in touch with Stanley Wolpert and other renowned writers for getting a biography of Benazir Bhutto authored, he said.

Former ambassador to the UAE Abdul Razzak Soomro, former vice chairman of the Arts Council, Larkana, Abdul Sattar Khuhawar, Siraj Rashdi and others also spoke.

Earlier, Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Memorial Library assistant director Shams Kalhoru welcomed the guests.