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New Delhi World Book Fair to Celebrate 60 Years of NBT and Women Writings

“New Delhi World Book Fair is a platform for displaying our rich treasure of knowledge through books,” said Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma, Chairman, NBT while addressing the media at a Press Conference held at Constitution Club, New Delhi today.

“Through their collective efforts, authors, publishers, distributors and media help us in connecting books with people,” added Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma. He observed that thousands of people visit this grand event for books only which demonstrates their love for books.

He said that NBT is celebrating 60 years of its foundation and it will showcase its journey in promoting books and reading at a special exhibit ‘This is no looking back!’ The exhibit will display the varied activities that NBT has undertaken in promoting books including book fairs being organized by the Trust across India, participation of NBT in international book fairs, publishing programme among others.

Talking about the Theme of New Delhi World Book Fair, Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma said that this year ‘Manushi’ is the theme of the Fair which will focus on writings on and by women; and will exhibit the rich tradition of women writings from ancient times till present. He added that Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister of Human Resource Development would inaugurate the Theme Pavilion on 10th January.

Shri S R Sahoo, Company Secretary, India Trade Promotion Organisation also spoke on the occasion. He said that ITPO has made special efforts to make book fair more visitor friendly.

Earlier, Dr Rita Chowdhury, Director, NBT welcomed the guests present on the occasion. She informed that New Delhi World Book Fair will be held from 7 to 15 January at Pragati maidan. The Fair is being organized in collaboration with India Trade Promotion Organisation. She further said that the Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of State for Human Resource Development will inaugurate the Fair. Dr Pratibha Ray, noted Odia author and Jnanpith awardee is the guest of honor and H.E. Mr Tomasz Kozlowski, Hon’ble Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to India is the special guest on the occasion.