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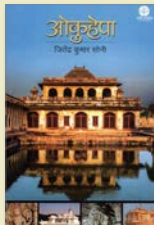
INDIA in the Limelight at Bologna Book Fair 2024

The beautifully-designed INDIA National Stand was an attraction for all visitors at the Bologna Book Plus / Bologna Children Book Fair 2024 (8–11 April) where our country was designated as 'INDIA in the Limelight'. The National Stand was inaugurated on 8 April 2024 by Shri Subbu Ramesh, Second Secretary at the Embassy of India, Rome, and Ms. Jacks Thomas, Guest Director of Bologna Book Plus, in the presence of Ms. Kanchan Wanchoo Sharma, Head-Exhibitions, NBT-India alongside other Indian and international publishers, trade visitors, literary agents, translators, and foreign rights managers. The INDIA National Stand spread across more than 80 sqm showcased over 300 books from across 70 Indian publishers. A key event at the book fair was a lively panel discussion on "Global Opportunities



for General & Children's Publishing in India: Export or Translation," held on 10 April 2024 at the Bologna Book Plus Theatre. Moderated by Kanchan Wanchoo Sharma (NBT-India), the session had Prashant Pathak (Publisher, Prakash Books); Richa Jha (Founder, Pickle Yolk Books); Ajay Mago (Publisher, Om Books International); and Anuj Chawla (Publisher, Dreamland Books) as the panelists sharing their views on the topic.

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NBT-India at Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2024

National Book Trust, India participated in the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2024 organised from 29 April to 05 May 2024. The INDIA Stand at the fair was inaugurated by Shri A. Amarnath, Charge d’Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The inauguration was attended by Shri Aneez Sahal (IFS), Third Secretary (Press Info & Culture); Shri Rakesh Kumar, Joint Director, NBT-India; and other Indian publishers.

The INDIA Stand showcased a collective exhibit of more than 300 books from India in various Indian languages.

The week-long book fair was a hub for book lovers and enthusiasts to discover literature from around the world and engage in conversations with authors, literary experts, publishing agents, and more. NBT-India’s presence at the fair reinforced its commitment to sharing Indian literature with a global audience and opened doors for future international collaborations.



NBT-India Showcases Marathi Literary Gems at Bal Sahitya Mahotsav

National Book Trust, India recently showcased its extensive collection of Marathi literature, spanning various genres including literature, law, science, technology, environment, and biographies, at the Bal Sahitya Mahotsav.

The event, held at Pune’s Bhavartha Bookstore, promised an exciting literary experience. Shri Rajesh Pande, a distinguished member of the Board of Trustees at NBT-

India, inaugurated the Mahotsav, joined by young authors Sachi Saket Bhand, Palavee Malunekar, and Aaradhya Nandkar.

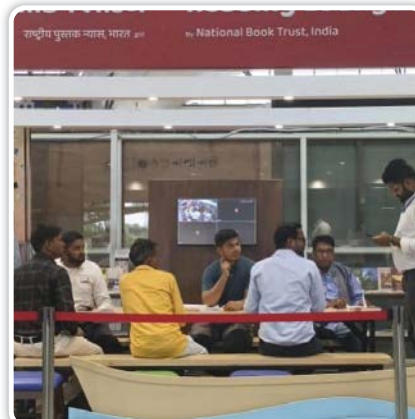
From the 18–25 April 2024, literature enthusiasts were invited to explore and purchase books published by NBT-India. The event provided an immersive experience into the rich literary heritage of Marathi literature, offering an invaluable opportunity for all who attended.



Celebrating World Book and Copyright Day with NBT-India

In celebration of World Book and Copyright Day, National Book Trust, India hosted a special quiz at their bookstore on 23 April 2024. People from all walks of life came together to celebrate the joy of books and reading. NBT-India organised quiz sessions, creative writing workshops, calligraphy workshops, and caricature workshops in bookstores, schools, university campuses, metro stations, and housing societies across the country. The event highlighted the joy of reading and underscored the importance of copyright protection. It provided a fantastic opportunity for participants to engage with literature, have fun, and honour the literary world. The celebration successfully recognized the significance of books and copyright in fostering creativity and innovation.

The festivities were enjoyed by everyone, from riders of the Lucknow metro to students of Delhi University and citizens of Patna, Bhopal, Kolkata, Guwahati, Dehradun, and many other cities. Participants received the gift of books, making it a fun-filled day that truly showcased the magic of literature.



Verse and Vision: Poetry Reading Event at NBT-India's Bookstore

On Friday 26 April 2024, a poetry reading event was organised at the National BookTrust, India's bookstore at Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station, Gate Number 4. Viresh Shreeraje, a PhD researcher at Delhi University, recited his own poems. Students and researchers from Delhi University,

Ambedkar University, Central University of Kerala, and Jamia Millia Islamia University participated in the event. The importance of books, their reading, and discussions on their creation were also highlighted during the program. All participants had the opportunity to explore books published by NBT-India.



NBT-India: Nurturing Minds Through Stories

A literary discussion session for children and adolescents was organised by the National Book Trust, India on 20 April 2024 at the Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station, Gate Number-4, Ground Level (Concourse). Dr. Teena Yadav, Assistant Professor at Gargi College, Delhi University, engaged



with educators on the importance of storytelling in classrooms. The event also featured discussions on fostering a culture of book selection and reading among students. Additionally, excerpts from NBT-India published books, including "Mottainai Dadi Maa" and "Khula Sandook," were read during the program.



Activities Organised for Young Readers across Delhi-NCR

Storytelling Session Organised for the students of Tagore International School

A fun and engaging storytelling session for young readers was organised by NBT-India for the students of grade 6 from Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi on 10 April 2024. The session, conducted by Ms. Seema Wahi Mukherjee started with a fun tapping activity that filled the students with energy and excitement. Ms. Mukherjee skillfully unravelled the 'Story of the Rainbow,' creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm with her dynamic storytelling. The engaging session entertained the students and imparted valuable lessons on peace, unity, and friendship, leaving the children with newfound insights. Following the story, a discussion and a Q&A round were held, where students asked various questions about types of stories and storytelling.



Storytelling Session Organised @ NBT-India Headquarters



National Book Trust, India organised a day of imaginative learning with Storytelling Session for the enthusiastic students of grade 5 from Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar at its headquarters on 12 April 2024 to encourage and inspire reading and story writing in children. The session, conducted by Ms. Swati Sinha featured an African folklore about truth and lies. The story was made more interesting through voice modulation and role play. The children were later divided into teams and asked to rewrite the ending of the story and narrate it. The students were also given a tour of the NBT-India Bookshop and the National Centre for Children's Literature (NCCL) Library. NBT-India set up its mobile book exhibition where young readers eagerly read and purchased titles published by the trust.

Nurturing Young Talent: PM YUVA Authors Inspire at Mount Abu Public School

National Book Trust, India organised a PM YUVA Authors' Meet on 26 April 2024 at Mount Abu Public School, Rohini. The event showcased two talented authors whose books are published by NBT-India: Ms. Aarushi Maheshwari, author of 'Battle on the Waves', and Ms. Sudarshana Jha, author of 'Siram



Singh, The Hero of Bhagalpur'. Engaging students from grades 9 and 10, the session provided valuable insights into the art of writing. The authors shared their personal writing journeys and inspired children to delve deep into various topics. It was an enriching experience for all involved, fostering a love for literature and creativity among the students.

A Day of Fun Learning at Mount Abu Public School

NBT-India organised a day of creative learning for the students of Mount Abu Public School, Rohini, to celebrate World Book and Copyright Day on 23 April 2024. The day featured two fantastic sessions, a mesmerizing Calligraphy Session with Inku Kumar, and a lively Caricature Workshop led by Artist Karan Singh. Students enjoyed drawing caricatures of each other and showcasing their writing talents, making it a truly memorable and engaging experience for all.



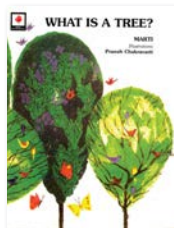
Creative Writing Workshop Organised @ NBT-India Headquarters

NBT-India organised an interesting creative writing workshop for the students of class 12th from East Point School, Vasundhara Enclave on 30 April 2024. Ms. Usha Chhabra, an experienced storyteller and Children's author, led the session, emphasizing the importance of writing skills across various domains and sparking creativity among the students. Through a blend of sharing experiences and teaching creative writing techniques, the interactive session left the students inspired and equipped with fresh insights into dialogue and expression.



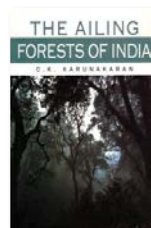
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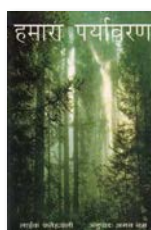
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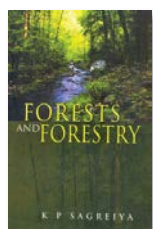
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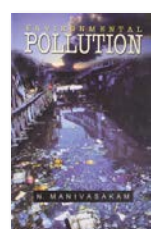
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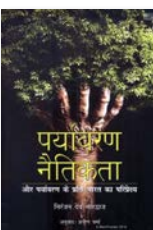
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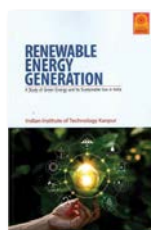
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Book Excerpt

Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar

On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti (14 April 2024), NBT-India commemorates Dr B.R. Ambedkar, whose enduring legacy as a champion of social justice and equality continues to inspire generations. The following excerpt is taken from NBT-India's publication, "Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar" by Vasant Moon.

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (1891-1956), one of the foremost leaders of the Indian Freedom Movement, was also the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. An eminent Lawyer and Economist, he also fought tirelessly for the depressed classes in India. He began movements to give an identity to these neglected lots, built up organisations to protect the interests of land labourers and industrial workers. He put forward the genesis of the caste system and provided a legal and constitutional system to annihilate social discriminations.

....the way Ambedkar was fighting on behalf of the common man was amazing. His argument was, "If only a few have the right to vote then it will be the government of minority that will be entrusted with the responsibility of looking after the interests of the majority."

In his speech before the Franchise Sub Committee, he said, "According to me, there are only two debatable issues in this conference. Is there going to be a responsible government in India and if so, who is it going to be responsible for? I am surprised to find that those who want a responsible government are not prepared to extend the franchise to all Indians."? He believed frankly that people cannot be deprived of their right to vote because of their lack of money and education. He appealed to Indians to withdraw from the Conference till the colonial self-government and the adult franchise were not granted.

He said that the right to vote was a right to protect your life, your money and your freedom. In the Second Round Table Conference, Mahatma Gandhi and other members of the Congress also demanded adult franchise.

"No Indian adult should be deprived of his right to vote on the grounds of poverty and education. An uneducated person is intelligent and he knows his interests. It is sheer injustice to be not able to choose your representative because you are poor. The free democratic government is based on the finding that people learn through experience,"³ said Ambedkar.

A personal tragedy for Babasaheb coincided with the dates for action. His favourite son Rajratna died suddenly. After his death, for a long time, Babasaheb did not go anywhere near his room.

On 2nd October, 1927, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar presided

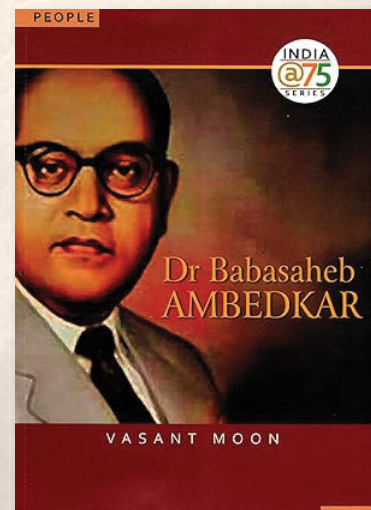
over the conference of the untouchable youths. He advised the students to work for the welfare of the community as the future of the community depended on them.

During this period, Babasaheb found a good friend, Shreedharpant, the son of Lokmanya Tilak. His thinking was progressive and he organized a musical event by the untouchables in Tilakwada against the wishes of the trustees. Later Babasaheb went for tea in Shreedharpant Tilak's wada. Two months after the event Shreedharpant committed suicide. He had left a letter for Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

Shivram Janaba Kamble organized a meeting to bid farewell to Dr. Harold Mann on his retirement in Ahilyashram. Harold Mann was a Director of Agriculture, he had researched on the sociological issues as well, writing about the untouchables. Babasaheb, in his address expressed his gratefulness to Mann, saying "Dr. Mann's work has helped me a lot."

Dr. Ambedkar visited the Victory Memorial at Koregaon with S. J. Kamble, paying respects to the memory of untouchable brave soldiers, who had died on the battlefield.

Punjabrao Deshmukh and Nanasaheb Gawai decided to offer satyagraha for getting entry into temples at Amaravati. On the 13th of November, the committee for the temple-entry organized a meeting at Indrabhavan Theatre. In his address, Babasaheb said, "No God can be polluted by the untouchables. That is why we are against a special temple for the untouchables. If Hinduism is for Hindus, it is for both the caste Hindus and the untouchables. In the development of Hinduism, saints like Valmiki, Ravidas, Chokhamela and Sidnik are the major forces."



Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar

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PM-YUVA 2.0 Masterclasses

Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors was launched in 2021 to foster the goal of empowering young minds and creating a learning ecosystem. Given the significant success of the first edition of YUVA, with large-scale participation from young and budding authors, PM-YUVA 2.0 was launched with the theme 'Democracy and its Many Facets.'

It encourages young writers to explore and express their perspectives on democratic institutions, events, people, and constitutional values from the past, present, and future. Selected through a nationwide contest, 75 young authors will receive mentorship from established writers, opportunities to participate in literary festivals, and have their works published and translated into various Indian languages by the National Book Trust, India.

As part of the PM-YUVA 2.0 Mentorship program, Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Senior Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, conducted an insightful online Masterclass on 16 April 2024, focusing on 'Research Methodology.' Following this, on 24 April 2024, Prof. Shouvik Mukhopadhyay led another enriching session on 'Understanding Research Methodology in Indian Democracy.' These masterclasses provided valuable guidance and knowledge to participants, enhancing their research skills within the context of Indian democracy.

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