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3-days NBT Book Exhibition at Urs Mahal in Nizamuddin from 17-19 July 2012

As a part of community policing, the Delhi Police has joined hands with the National Book Trust, India to organize a three-day book exhibition at Urs Mahal in Nizamuddin to promote reading habit and to make books available to economically weaker and marginalized sections of the society. In addition to the NBT, the book exhibition showcases publications of a number of reputed publishers such as Sahitya Akademi, National Bal Bhawan, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Ghalib Academy, Agha Khan Foundation etc. The book exhibition will continue till 7 pm on 19 July 2012.

The exhibition was inaugurated yesterday by Shri Neeraj Kumar, IPS, the new Commissioner of Police in the presence of Shri Sandip Dixit, MP (LS), Shri M A Sikandar, Director, NBT, senior officers of Delhi Police, the Nizami members of Hazart Nizamuddin Dargah and a huge gathering of book lovers. Shri Ajay Jadeja, noted cricketer and Ms Barkha Dutt, eminent media person from HDTV were also seen in the gallery.

"During my recent visit to Dubai, I found the local police was organising a book fair in Dubai as a part of community policing. It is good that Delhi Police has taken an initiative in this regard for the first time in India under the stewardship of the new commissioner of police We shall be organizing more such exhibitions in other parts of Delhi in collaboration with Delhi Police in near future," said M A Sikandar, Director, NBT at the inaugural function attended by Shri Neeraj Kumar, Commissioner of Police, Delhi, Shri Sandeep Dixit, MP, and a number of senior police officers.

Today, on the sidelines of book exhibition, school children had a feast of stories as two young storytellers went on a storytelling spree at a storytelling session held at Ghalib Academy . Over 150 children drawn from various non-government organisations and schools such Sakshi, MCD Primary schools, The Shri Ram School, Gurgaon, MCD Pratibha Vidyalaya, Agha Khan Foundation and Navjagriti Collective participated in the session. The storytelling session was conducted by Ms Charu Sethi and Ms Pawan Guleria. Children too grabbed the opportunity and stunned the audience with their enchanting tales.

A workshop on presenting a story through dance and drama will be conducted tomorrow morning by a noted exponent in the field, Ms Banani Sarkar.

"Stories not only entertain the children but also inspire them to go beyond the ordinary and excel in whatever they do," said Shri Ajay Chaudhury, Additional Commissioner of Police, South East District who also interacted with the children and exhorted them to join Indian Police Service to drive the criminals away. He wished the children success in their lives.