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CAPITAL HAPPENINGS

Srinagar: June 3: Businessmen have urged the taking up of the reconstruction of the welfare wing of Presentation Convent Higher Secondary School, Big Road, a local family of this town and the area situated in the heart of the city. Convent parents have come forward for the construction of the new building. The objection letter has been submitted to the School regarding the construction of the new building. The opposition letter has been submitted to the School regarding the construction of the new building.

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Kashmir hosts national book fair after 26 years

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Over 170 stalls showcase books on variety of issues

Sameer Showkin Lone

Srinagar, June 02: First time after the eruption of militancy in Kashmir, a nine-day long national level book fair began in Kashmir Saturday in which 110 publishers from across India have set up book stalls. The book fair organized by National Book Trust of India in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Academy for Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) and Urdu Academy was inaugurated by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah here in the premises of SP College.

Famous publishing houses, book sellers and literary organisations across India are participating in the book fair.

More than 170 stalls have been set to showcase books of diverse stuff mainly in English, Urdu, Kashmiri, Punjabi, Hindi and English.

These stalls house books about prominent personalities of Islamic world like Hasan-ul-Bana Shaheed, Moulana Syed Abul Moudidi, books about freedom movement of India like ‘Inqilaab 1857’ by P C Josh, ‘I am a dream to my village’, ‘Freedom Struggle and Indian Muslims’ and several other books.

With a cursory look at various book stalls, one finds books about various religions, stalwarts of Islamic movement across the world, freedom movement of India, Indian Muslims, books about pre and post independence era of India and Pakistan and several other issues.

A book titled ‘Trials of Independence’ by B R Agarwala highlights the period of rise and fall of British rule in India particularly the pre and post 1857.

The book also talks about Bhagat Singh and the author has written: “Bhagat Singh, the symbol remained and within a few months, in each town and village of India and to a lesser extent, the rest of India resounded with his name.”

On page 190, the book terms Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah, a lion on trail and writes about various phases of political life of Shekih Abdullah.

Incharge of the book fair, Manas Ranjan Mahapatra told Rising Kashmir that the book fair was first of its kind in Kashmir in last two decades.

“We have a variety of books here and it almost covers all parts of life like culture, tradition, language, lifestyle, health. We have books about pleasure reading as well,” Mahapatra said.

He said they were planning to open reading clubs in all government run primary schools in Jammu and Kashmir.

“We have already taken the issue with State government and I hope in next three months the plan will be implemented at the ground level,” Mahapatra said.

He said the last national book fair was organized in Kashmir in 1986 in which around 40 publishers had...
Kashmir is reading well

After 26 yrs, NBT fair fills smell of books in Valley

Sidhrah Fatima

SrINagar, June 03: Kashmir is reading. Reading well and it is a good sign for this conflict-hit region. Smell of books is filing the valley and Srinagar Book Fair-2012, organized after a gap of 26 years by the National Book Trust (NBT), where young people gather everyday to buy all kinds of books, has just doubled it. The fair welcomes visitors and curious readers alike with array of books.

NBT’s book fair expected to long for nine days has witnessed encouraging response so far as children along with their parents could be seen rummaging through colorful books, hopping from one stall to another. College students could be seen searching for the stuff of their interest, while seasoned senior readers weighed their options from the serious content. There is something for everyone.

The summer capital is hosting the book fair at Sri Pratap College ground here with more than 110 publishers and booksellers from various parts of the country participating. The Book Fair is a big step, into helping national and international literature reach the people of Kashmir. Literature in Hindi, Urdu, Kashmiri, Punjabi and English are the main attractions of the fair. The organizers also include the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Language and Urdu Akadmi Jammu and Kashmir. The fair shall also include a seminar on the works of famous Urdu short story writer Sadat Hassan Manto, in coming days.

The book fair was inaugurated by the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah on June 02, who emphasized on the need to encourage book reading habit in the State among all age groups.

Srinagar Book Fair is a step, into helping national and international literature reach the people of Kashmir, organizers said. A multitude of 110 publishers display their books in 180 stalls in the college grounds. The diversity of books is commendable and focus is on history, politics, Islam, Indian literature, Kashmiri literature, photography, cooking, lifestyle, IT and business. “This is a great initiative and an adventure to build rapport between the educated populace of Kashmir and writers of the country,” said Manoj Das, an award-winning writer in Oriya and Punjabi who graced the book fair to talk to his readers.

Besides leading Kashmiri publishers, publishing houses from Delhi have grabbed the opportunity to showcase their book collection to readers in Kashmir.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi, `an autonomous publication house under the Ministry
More people throng National Book Fair on Day 3

Murad, Maududi, Geelani, Khurshid selling in good numbers

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Srinagar, June 04: The nine-day-long Srinagar Book Fair-2012 Monday evoked strong response from visitors and curious readers who purchased books of their interest in large numbers.

“Islamic Adab and History of Islam are two main topics that people are showing interest in,” said Sales Assistant, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Sanjay Singh.

“Khurram Murad, Maulana Maudoodi, Syed Ali Geelani and Prof Khurshid are some popular authors whose books are selling in good numbers,” said Manager, Maushurat Publishers, New Delhi, Iqbal Mubashir.

After a wait of 26 years, the book fair has ignited eager minds of Kashmir to read literature from all across the world. “This is my first visit to any book fair and I found books on subjects which I have never read. This has helped me to create new interests,” said Adil Mudasir Lone, a B. Sc student. On third day the national-level fair witnessed rush of people belonging to all age groups.

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