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Press Release

Booklovers Throng New Delhi World Book Fair on Second Last Day

On the second last day of New Delhi World Book Fair, a large number of book lovers could be seen browsing through the books at the Fair. The booklovers of all age groups, children along with their parents, grandparents and teachers were seen busy buying books for today being the second last day of the Fair.

Theme Pavilion

Veteran Bollywood actor, Ms Asha Parekh in a conversation with Khaled Mohammed talked about her autobiography 'The Hit Girl' at Theme Pavilion. She unfolded many events in her life as an actor. She said that she did not wish to be an actor but destiny made her work in movies. She added that *Aasmaan* was her first movie in which she worked as a child artist. She also talked about the film directors and the actors with whom she worked in her famous movies.

At the Theme Pavilion, National Book Trust, India and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts organized a discussion on 'Natyashastra'. The speakers talked about that theatre is not for entertainment only. It is also a medium which educates people, make them aware about several issues and enlighten people spiritually. The speakers on the occasion were Prof. Bharat Gupt, Dr Chandraprakash Dwivedi and Prof. Vaaman Kendre.

A discussion on women consciousness in Sanskrit literature was also held at the Theme Pavilion where Dr Shashiprabha Kumar, Dr Meera Dwivedi, Dr Kaushal Panwar participated. The speakers remarked that over the years, there have been substantial changes in the society, the opinion of the people are also changing. He observed that women have played a major role in transforming society. Besides, there musical rendition of Kannada saint-poet Akkamahadevi's Vachanas by Dr K Vageesh and troupe was also represent at the Theme Pavilion.

Children's Pavilion

A number of activities for children were organized at the Children's Pavilion which included dance-drama performance on Rabindra Nath Tagore's *Chandalika* by the students Guru Harkishan Public School; Ms Jaishree Sethi, storyteller interacted with children and gave them tips about how to take an interview for a school magazine; a drawing competition for children on the topic 'India and Democracy' was held by the Election Commission of India and a storytelling session was organized.

Book Release and other literary activities

At the Author's Corner, *Conversations*, the book *Ethical Compass*, authored by Dr B D Singh and Sankshipt Gita Gyan, published by Excel Books was released. Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma, Chairman, NBT released the books. On this occasion, Dr. Rita Chowdhury, Director, NBT also talked about the books and the need for ethical values to make society healthy. Rajiv Thakur, Director, Jaipuria Institute of Management, Noida.

Manushayata Ka Paksh, authored by Vipin Sharma 'Anhad' and published by Yash Publications was released at Sahitya Manch. The special guests on the occasion were Prof. Manmohan Chaddha (Film Institute, Pune); Shri Pankaj Bisht, Editor, *Samyantar*; Prof. Navin Chandra Lohani, Prof. Prem Singh, Shri Vijay Sharma, Prof. Rohini Agrawal among others. The book release was followed by discussion in which the speakers talked about the literature and humanity.

The Power Dust, which is an English translation of *Maa*, a novel in Hindi authored by Satyanarayan Patel was released at the Lekhak Manch. On this occasion, Shri Asar Zaidi, Ms Rohini Aggrawal, Ms Rachna Tyagi and Shri Ramesh Upadhayay were the speakers on the occasion. The book is based on the village life in India and talks about the difficulties that villagers undergo in their day to day life.

Bharatiya Jnanpith organized a book release function at Seminar Hall No. 18 where more than 50 books on famous personalities of India including Premchand, Mother Teresa, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel among others were released. The speakers on the occasion were Dr Vishwanath Tripathi, eminent author, Dr Leeladhar Mandloi, Prof. Janaki Prasad Sharma and Shri Awadh Narayan Mudgal. Speaking about the books, Dr Mandloi said that these books have been brought out especially for youth, to help them understand the great personalities who despite facing several obstacles in their life, succeeded and gave their service to the nation.

Tomorrow is the last day of the New Delhi World Book Fair and the timings of the Fair would be from 11.00 am till 5.00 pm.