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Press Release

Children Exploring Creativity at New Delhi World Book Fair

The specially designed Children's Pavilion (Hangar near the Hall No. 7F), remained a hub of activities for children even on the fifth day of the New Delhi World Book Fair. A number of activities like puppet shows, storytelling sessions, meet the children's authors, street plays and several other creative activities are being organized. Children from various schools and voluntary organizations are very excited to take part in these programmes. Parents and teachers who are accompanying children are also enjoying these programmes. The curiosity and enthusiasm of children is highlighting the fact that children are enjoying their winter holidays.

National Book Trust, India organised 'Meet the children's authors' programme in which well-known authors including Ramesh Bijlani, Anupa Lal, Monika Agrawal, Shaguna Gehlot interacted with the children. While Monika Agarwal narrated the stories *Kursi Ke Nakhare* and *Salil*, Shaguna Gehlot narrated the stories from the book *Curious Tales of from Himalaya*. Later, Anupa Lal narrated the story 'No Miracle' which sends the message across that one should keep his/her mind and eyes open in any situation. Shri Bijlani narrated the story of 'Kavya' in which he inspires children to become good persons.

Theme Pavilion

National Book Trust, India organised a panel discussion on climate diplomacy at the Theme Pavilion. The speakers on the occasion were: Dr Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment; Mr Dennis Tanzler, Director, International Climate Policy, Adelphi, Germany; Dr Navroz Dubash, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research and Ms Henriette Faergemann Bredsten, First Counsellor - Environment, Energy, Climate Change, Delegation of the European Union to India. During the session, the speakers discussed about the innovative approaches that may be applied for a climate-resilient, low carbon future in India and Europe. Later, Dr Sunita Narain, gave an insight into her book *Conflicts of Interest - My Journey through India's Green Movement*. The book gives a personal account of the various battles fought as part of the country's green movement over the last three decades.

Today, group of Sunil Sajal and Neha Dogra, from Patiala presented Punjabi songs and ghazals to the audience at the Theme pavilion. The programme began with Shabads (couplets) from *Guru Granth Sahib*. The devotional Punjabi songs caught the attention of all the audience present at the pavilion.

European Union Pavilion

A workshop titled, *7-Days Challenge*, was held at the EU Pavilion. The event was organized by the Embassy of Sweden, New Delhi in association with TERI University. The programme focused associating teachers, educators and officials from the academic field to promote education on sustainable development and act accordingly. As the organisers said, the purpose of the workshop was to encourage awareness about lifestyle choices and their effect on the sustainability path with the motto to encourage individuals to take more sustainable and smart actions around choices they make as they EAT, MOVE and LIVE their daily life.

Cultural Programmes

Every evening, cultural presentation of folk songs, music and dance recitals are organised at the Hamsdhwani Theatre. Dr Sonal Mansingh, renowned classical dancer and her troupe gave a mesmerizing performance. The programme was organised by Centre for Indian Classical Dance.

Literary Programmes

A book release function was organised at the Lekhak Manch in which books titled *Khawahishon Ke Khandav Van*, authored by Akansha Pare Kashiv; *Pustak Bahattar*, *Teehattar Armaan*, authored by Yogita Yadav were released. The chief guest on the occasion was Ms Chitra Mudgal, noted Hindi author. Later, a poets' meet was organised by Vishwa Hindi Sahitya Parishad in which well-known Hindi litterateurs including Harish Naval and Girish Pankaj participated.

In the *Reflections* authors' corner, *International Journal of Spagyrics and Natural Medicine* was launched by Low price Publications. It was accompanied by the launch of another journal *The Health Journal* by Shaheed Udham Singh Group of Institutions. Later, Rakesh Kumar, author of the book *The Story* discussed about his book. He informed that the book contains short stories on APJ Abdul Kalam, Mother Teresa and others in order to stimulate motivational and educational values in students.

Martinu Czech Philharmonic Orchestra would perform at Hall. No 7 on 11 January 2018 at 4.50 pm.