

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Hon'ble Minister of Education inaugurates the New Delhi World Book Fair 2021 – Virtual Edition

Inaugurating the Virtual Edition of the 29th New Delhi World Book Fair on 5 March 2021, through online mode, **Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India, shared **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's** quote saying "He who reads, leads" and said that a good leader is someone who executes his learning in practical life. Speaking about NEP-2020 as the Theme of NDWBF-2021, he said that the National Education Policy will take the local to the global level. The Hon'ble Minister of Education also congratulated **National Book Trust, India** and commended NBT efforts towards providing quality content to the nation.

Dr Nishank also said that the Virtual Edition of NDWBF 2021 is a welcome step and reading and books will, take the nation to newer heights. "Language is not just words, they are thought processes, and therefore, I am proud to add that NBT, India and NEP both are working towards promoting and projecting regional Indian languages. He also added that education is not a burden; children themselves look for good books and read them and in this endeavor NBT, India is doing a commendable job.

Hon'ble Minister of Education also **launched 17 bilingual titles published by NBT** under the implementation policy of the NEP-2020. These titles have been published in Bilingual format under the Bilingual Editions series for Children as per the guidelines of the National Education Policy 2020 with the objective to create supplementary reading materials for children to help them adapt suitably to the multilingual fabric of the country.

Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, in his address said that India is the world's third largest publisher of books and it is thus our prerogative that through these books we produce such content that takes forward our rich culture and traditions. He further said that the theme for this year's NDWBF 2021 is the National Education Policy to discuss the dynamics of its implementation through publishing for various age-groups. He said that the policy will help India make a distinct identity in the world while keeping a stronghold on Indian values.

Shri Yuvraj Malik Director, NBT in his address said that the theme of NDWBF-2021 as the National Education Policy-2020 is dedicated to the symbiosis of book reading culture with the vision of the new education policy. He further said that through NDWBF-2021, NBT will host a multitude of authors, writers and educationists, over 20+ webinars, seminars and conclaves to discuss the new education policy. He also said that as the **Knowledge Partner** of the nation, it is NBT's responsibility to take steps for knowledge dissemination along with knowledge creation.

The New Delhi World Book Fair 2021-Virtual Edition (6-9 March 2021) will be accessible 24x7 on the virtual platform www.nbtindia.gov.in/ndwbf21