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New Delhi World Book Fair 2021 – Virtual Edition Concludes Successfully

After a fervent response on the first 3 days, the **New Delhi World Book Fair 2021-Virtual Edition** concluded with an equally enthusiastic participation from the visitors on day 4. Over 1.9 million hits from more than 68+ countries, including US, UK, Canada, UAE, Netherlands, Japan, Germany, Singapore, China were received on the Virtual platform of **NDWBF-2021**.

The last day of the 29th NDWBF 2021 focused on the inclusion of mother tongue as the foundation of education in NEP-2020. The day began with a discussion in Gujarati on the importance of mother tongue in early education. Titled '**Matribhasha: Shikshan Ane Sanskarno Payo**', panelists included Shri Ranchhod Shah, eminent educationist and author; and Shri Harshad Shah, Vice-Chancellor, Children's University, Gandhinagar; who discussed several positive aspects of imparting early education in the mother tongue on the development of a child. The program was moderated by Shri Bhagyendra Bhai Patel, Gujarati Assistant Editor, NBT.

Later a book release event of a Hindi title *Zindagi Aur maut ke Beech: SAinikon Se Judi Kahaniyan* was released by **Shri Yuvraj Malik Director NBT**. Ms Vandana Yadav, author of the book and Col P.K. Yadav were also present at the book launch. The book is an anthology of stories by 21 writers and relate to the different colors of a soldier's life. The second session of the book had a discussion with the author and Dr. Renu Yadav, Ms. Promila Qazi, Prof. Satyaketu Sankrit, Shri Vivek Mishra, Shri Tajendra Sharma and Ms. Jayanti Rangnatham through both physical and virtual mode.

Later, a Telugu session on **NEP, Role of Mother Tongue and Telugu** was held. The interaction between Prof. N. Upender Reddy and Shri Suvarna Vinayak was moderated by Dr. Pattipaka Mohan, Telugu Assistant Editor. The afternoon session saw an event titled **Matribhasayen aur Rashtriya Shiksha Niti 2020**, where Prof. Yogendranath Sharma 'Arun', educationist and writer; and Prof. Ramesh Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, discussed NEP 2020 and its focus and importance on Mother Tongue. The event was moderated by Shri Pankaj Chaturvedi, Hindi Assistant Editor, NBT.

Later, an event on **Promoting Indian Culture Abroad: A Dialogue Among Indian Diaspora** was organized by NBT. Ms. Bhavana Pradyumna, Founder President Carnatic Conservatory of Paris and Ms. Nupur Tron, Founder Foundation Frison Horta, Belgium participated in the dialogue. The session was moderated by Shri Kumar Vikram, Senior Editor, NBT.

Later, Dr. T Ravichandran, Director of Museum of Constructive Programmes of Mahatma Gandhi, in a talk with Shri T. Mathan Raj discussed the **Gandhian Vision in NEP-2020**.

A lecture on the life and words of Guru Teg Bahadur was conducted by Prof Avtar Singh, Ramgarhia College, Phagwara. In '**Guru Teg Bahadur Ji – Jeevan Te Bani**'. Prof. Avtar Singh shared inspiring anecdotes from the early life of the ninth Guru of the Sikh Religion. The day ended with a special program by the Himachal Academy of Arts, Culture & Languages, Shimla.

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