

Week-long book fest kicks off in Amdavad

AMC has organised National Book Fair starting today to coincide with the Foundation Day of Gujarat

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SOME OF THE EMINENT LITERARY FIGURES WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS

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| » Varsha Das | » Vishnu Pandya | » Preeti Shinoy |
| » Yogendra Vyas | » Raghuvir Choudhary | » Shraddha Trivedi |
| » Ratilal Borisagar | » Adid Surti | » Yaswant Mehta |
| » Pinky Pandya | » Usha Upadhyaya | » Rasbihari Desai |
| » Bholabhai Patel | » Bindu Bhatt | » Chandrakant Topiwala |
| » Chinu Modi | » Tushar Shukla | » Bhagyesh Jha |
| » Rohit Makwana | » Sachin Garg | » Gunwant Shah |
| » Rita Kothari | » Saumya Joshi | » Rajendra Shukla |
| » Pradip Khandwala | » Panna Trivedi | » Bhikudaan Gadhvi,
folk singer |
| » Rajendra Patel | » Hasu Yagnik | » Vinod Bhatt |
| » Chandrakant Sheth | » Vijay Sevak | |

LITERARY GALORE

Everyday there would be three sessions on literature:

» 2 to 4 pm, » 4.30 to 6.30 pm, » 7 to 10 pm

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Here's some good news for the Amdavadi book lover. As part of state government's 'Vanche Gujarat' programme, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) is all geared up to host the city's first ever National Book Fair, from today, in association with National Book Trust and with the support of Gujarat Prakashak Mandal. The inaugural function will start at 9 am at Sabarmati River Front near Vallabh Sadan.

The grand fest will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Narendra Modi in the

presence of State Revenue Minister Anandiben Patel, Mayor Asit Vora among others. May 1 also marks the 52nd Gujarat Foundation Day.

RAISING CITY'S STATUS

"We are very much delighted to welcome you at this National Book Fair. It is a proud moment for us as the fair will raise the status of our city. National Book Fair will be organised every year," said Municipal Commissioner Guruprasad Mohapatra.

Themed on 'literature' the intention of NBF is to inculcate reading habits among Amdavadis. The seven-day gala event will be attended by

publishers, distributors and sellers besides renowned writers and poets from across the country. The fair will also see various literary programmes and 'kavi goshtis'.

SAFETY FIRST

Officials told *Mirror* that elaborate security arrangements would be made for the fair. Passages in the hall will be named after eminent literary personalities. There will be as many as 200 stalls out of which 180 will be dedicated to book. It is learnt that the place will also have first aid counters within hall. The seven-day event will also see water sports activities in the Sabarmati and children's fun activities.