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Press Release

NBT Organizes Discussion on Navlekhan Series at New Delhi World Book Fair 2016

A discussion based on the books published under the Navlekhan series by National Book Trust, India to promote young authors was organized at the Theme Pavilion. The compilers of the books Shri Gurahari Das (Odia), Shri Bibhash Chowdhry (Asamiya), Shri Joy D'Cruz (Tamil), Shri Amar Mitra (Bangla) and Dr K S Ravi Kumar (Malayalam) were the speakers on the occasion. Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma, Chairman, NBT chaired the session. He said that the Navlekhan Series is an attempt to encourage young writers and provide them a meaningful platform to publish their works. The speakers on the occasion talked about the new generation of writers. They opined that the young writers are still in the process of defining their narrative style and delimiting their zones in matters of theme and culture. They do not dwell upon romantic ideas rather they talk about serious matters concerning the society.

Sixteen books have been brought out by NBT, ten in Hindi and six in regional languages which were released at the New Delhi World Book Fair.

Besides discussion, several other programmes were organized at the Theme Pavilion including the Choir songs presented by L. Samuel and troupe, Poumai Baptist Church, New Delhi spreading the message of peace and love; a panel discussion on the topic India's Secular Literary Tradition in which the Dr Krishna Sharma, Dr Nand Lal Mehta and Dr Chandrakanta were the speakers. They talked of the need to understand the meaning of the word Secularism which is misinterpreted to stand against religion. They also opined that different words are used in the same context and its meaning is also interpreted in different ways. They felt that there is also a need to look back to our past, traditions and culture to understand the world secularism.

The Children's Pavilion, today also was filled with activities and fun. The morning session began with a presentation by Bachpan Society for Children's Literature and Culture titled 'Kahavate Manch Par' in which the children were informed about the common sayings that are used in different contexts in daily life. Girija Rani Asthana and Shashi Jain, children's authors interacted with the children. A play titled 'Ek Din Ki Badshahat' was performed by school children. The Odissi dance performance by Trupti Panigrahi mesmerized the audience at the Pavilion.

China Social Sciences Press organized the launch of the English Edition of *China Insights* at the China Pavilion. This book gives a comprehensive analysis of the contemporary Chinese society starting from economy to culture, including the introduction of Chinese path, theories and systems. Mr. Li Piguang, Deputy Director of China Social Sciences Press introduced the guests present on the occasion, which included, Ms. Myriam Poort, Editorial Director, Social Sciences and Humanities, Springer; Ms. Sun Ping, Editor of Major Project Publication Center, China Social Sciences Press; Ms. Zhang Lin, Deputy Director of International Studies Center, China Social Sciences Press; Mr. B.R. Deepak, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Mr. Hemant Adlakha, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The speakers also exchanged their views on cultural exchange between China and India since ancient times.

Lifi Publications and Anhui People's Publishing House (China) organized 'The Colorful Silk Road: a Promotion Event for Books and Products on Chinese Folklore Culture at the China pavilion. During the event an agreement between both publishers was signed at the event for the publishing of ten titles including Highlights of China, and Talk the Silk Road.

Yesterday, the book titled *Global Game Change*, authored by John Nasbitt and Doris Nasbitt was released followed by a discussion on the book.

Eight books published by Anjuman Prakashan, Allahabad were released at Hall No. 12 including *Zindagi Ki khoj Mein, Ek Tukda Love, Shartiya Ishaq, Sarhadein, Sapna, One Sided, Automation Ki Duniya Mein Ab Aapki Bari Hai*; Discussion on 'Whatsapp Chatting' was organized by the Prabhat Publication at Sahitya Manch; Book release of Super Success Student Guide authored by Nitin Soni was also organized at Hall No. 8.