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Children's Activities at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020 steal the show

The fourth day at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020 was as busy for children as any other weekend. With so many programmes lined up at the Children's Pavilion, and an ocean of colourful and attractive books for display, kids had a field day.

The day began at the with an interactive session by Sahitya Akademi with renowned children's writers. Students hailing from Ganga Devi School, Diamond Public School, Ekta Modern Public School, A. R. D. Public School and others were present. Well-known children's authors including Paro Anand, Abid Surti, Anil Jaiswal and Ajay Kumar Sharma narrated stories to the children. They also talked about the importance of reading books and water conservation.

A skit themed upon 'Good Manners and Happiness in Life' was organized by Meraj Kids World and International School. A slogan-writing/poster-making competition was organised by Kids Motivational Group at the Children's Pavilion. The moderator, Sanaullah Khan, described the competition as 'Genius Child Creative Contest'. The topic, 'Swachh Bharat,' was given on the spot to the children to make children aware about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in our country and how the youth can play a vital role in bringing change in the country. Numerous students from different schools participated with zeal and enthusiasm. The Kids Motivational Group handed out certificates to all the participants.

Aakriti Publishers organized a talk session on 'Junk Food' and 'Eating Right' at the Children's Pavilion. The panellists at the discussion were: Shivani, a nutritionist; Bharti, from Sophia Public School; Dr. Samridhi and Manisha, dieticians. The panellists informed children that fast food may look appealing, but they always have a healthy alternative to it. The kids were told why eating fruits and veggies are a necessity, and what exactly is the significance of nutrients for a healthy body and mind.

Theme Pavilion

A talk on Gandhiji was organised by Sahitya Akademi at the Theme Pavilion. Dr Kamal Kishore Goenka and Shri Nand Kishore Acharya were the speakers on the occasion. During the session they talked about various writings on and by Mahatma Gandhi.

A quiz competition was organised by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India at the Theme Pavilion today. Over 60 students from Delhi Public School, R K Puram; Lal Bahadur Shastri School, R K Puram and Major Ashok Sehrawat Government School, Mahipalpur participated in the competition. Questions related to law, justice, Constitution of India, etc., were asked to the participants and the booklovers present on the occasion.

National Book Trust, India organised a Punjabi folk songs presentation at the Theme Pavilion. The artists of Malwa Group, Punjab presented folk songs, jugni, boliyan, etc. revolving around environment, conversation between Guru Nanak Dev and Mardana.

Author's Corners / Seminars

A book release function commenced in the Conference Hall on the fourth day of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020. The book named, 'Govind Mishr Rachnawali' in 12 volumes was launched, written by the author Nandkishor Acharya, a Sahitya Akademi award winner. The chief guests present in the event included Mr. Madhav Kaushik, Mr. Kamal Kishore Goenka and Mrs. Alka.

"Every woman can manage", said Ms Rashmi Trivedi at a book discussion at the Author's Corner, Hall no. 8. The session was organised by Blue Rose Publishers. Author of four books, Ms Rashmi in her book *Women Everything Will Be Fine* has boldly presented women as more strong and powerful than men.

The book *Bhartiya Sanvidhan Evam Rajvyavastha* was released at the function organized by Prabhat Prakashan at Lekhak Manch. Shri K N Govindacharya was the chief guest on the occasion. While interacting with the booklovers, author of the book, Dr Udaibhan Singh said that the book presents the different aspects related to the formation of Constitution of India, Indian Independence Act and the role of Constituent Assembly of India.

The books Amilcar Cablar: Jeevan Sangharsh Aur Vichar, Kala Godi Mazdoor and Gaon Ki Awaz, published by Gargi Prakashan were released at a function held at Lekhak Manch.

In another programme organized by Samayik Prakashan at Lekhak Manch, books by Bhumiak Dwivedi, Mahanayak by Sonali Mishra and Khwahishe by Garima Sanjay were released.

A symposium on 'Gandhian Philosophy as reflected in Odia Literature' was organized by Odisha Sahitya Akademi at Seminar Hall. The speakers on the occasion included Ms Jayanti Rath, Secretary, Shri Chandrashekhar Hota, Vijaynand Singh, executive board member, Odisha Sahitya Academy and Shri Amarendra Khatua. Shri Bijaya Kumar Nayak, I.A.S., Director, Odia Language, Literature and Culture Department, Govt. Of Odisha, inaugurated the session, and Shri Debendra Kumar Rout coordinated the event.

Cultural Evening

The evening ended with a colourful performance by the kids from National Bal Bhawan.