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## PICK OF THE MONTH



The Code of Life: Revolutions in Genetics Author: Mohan Sundara Rajan ISBN: 13:978-81-237-9118-0 / Price: Rs. 270

# NBT Book Exhibition at Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Sammelan, Varanasi

ational Book Trust. India put up a Book Exhibition of its best-selling and latest titles in English, Hindi, Urdu and other Indian languages at the Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Sammelan that was held in Varanasi on 13-14 November 2021. The conference was organized by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Hastkala Sankul, located in Varanasi. Uttar Pradesh.

The conference was inaugurated by the

Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah on the 13th of November 2021. Various aspects of official language were discussed in different sessions of the conference. On this occasion, Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath also released the souvenir of All India Official Language Conference.



Shri Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Director (Rajbhasha) from NBT presented books to the Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath. On this occasion, Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah visited NBT's book exhibition and appreciated the efforts of National Book Trust, India towards book promotion in the country.

# Hon'ble Minister, visits Gyaan Samvaad Kendra in Puducherry

hri K. Lakshminarayanan, Hon'ble Minister of Public Works visited the recently opened Gyaan Samvaad Kendra (Knowledge Communication Centre) set up by NBT in Raj Nivas, Puducherry. The Hon'ble Minister showed deep interest in NBT books and appreciated NBT's role in promoting books and reading habit in the country.

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Gyaan Samvaad Kendra, a first of its kind Public

Library in Puducherry was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan on 01 November 2021, in the august presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri N. Rangasamy as well as Shri Yuvraj Malik,



Director NBT, India and Chief Secretary Shri Ashwani Kumar.

Situated at Raj Nivas, Puducherry, the NBT Gyaan Samvaad Kendra has a wide range of books in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, English and French representing the cultural amalgamation of the Union Territory.

# **UP CM visits NBT stall in Lucknow**

on'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath ji visited the exhibition put up by National Book Trust, India at Kakori Shaheed Mandir, Lucknow. A series of exhibitions have been organized by the Trust to commemorate the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. He appreciated the work of National Book Trust, India and browsed through the displayed books.



## **National Education Day Lecture**

ational Book Trust, India (NBT) organized a lecture on the occasion of National Education Day on 11th November 2021.

Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman NBT congratulated all the officers and employees of NBT on National Education Day and said that NBT is one of the prestigious institutions of the country, which is not only well known at the National level but also at the International level. In the context of education, he said that the contribution of NBT in the new education policy is undeniable, but to develop the teaching culture, we should personally find our role.

The program began with a lecture by Shri Pankaj Chaturvedi, Assistant Editor (Hindi) from NBT, wherein he talked about how the Indian education system has had to face many challenges owing to the diversity of the country but these challenges have been addressed by the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP).

Shri Rakesh Kumar, Deputy Director, NBT highlighted NBT's participation in the new education policy. He said that education does not mean only alphabet-knowledge, in true sense education is that which develops the character, personality and mentality of the human being.



Ms. Carolyn Pao, Editorial Assistant (English) spoke about NBT's role in the drafting and implementation of the NEP 2020 and about NBT's initiatives like bringing out bilingual books, activity books for children, etc. Smt. Neera Jain Chief Editor & Joint Director proposed the vote of thanks.

# **NBT's Southern Regional Office Organizes National Book Week**

BT's Southern Regional Office Organizes National Book Week National Book Trust, India celebrated National Book Week at its Southern Regional Office (SRO) in Bengaluru from 14 to 20 November 2021. Writer and former regional representative of Central Sahitya Academy, Dr Narhaalli Balasubramanya, Dr Sathish Kumar Hosamani, Director, Dept. of Public Libraries, and popular children's writer Shri Ramendrakumar were the special guests at the inaugural session. Shri Ramendra Kumar, who has been a writer with NBT for over 15 years expressed his pleasure at seeing the quality



and variety of books on display in the SRO. He further said that NBT has the pulse



of the nation and if one wishes to see all of India in its entirety, then they must read NBT books. Dr Narahalli Balsubramanya, a well known writer and former regional representative of Central Sahitya Academy, said that NBT has set a benchmark in book publishing across the country with its wide range of books and related activities like exhibitions, workshops fairs etc. Dr Sathish Kumar Hosamani, Director, Deptartment of Public Libraries spoke about the initiatives of Government of Karnataka with the recent milestone of becoming the first State in India to start a Digital Library and expressed his views on collaborating with NBT and the department in reaching the masses through its Digital Library initiatives.

# **Inauguration of NBT's Book Publishing Course**

n November 6 2021, the Fourth Online Publishing Course by National Book Trust, India (NBT) was inaugurated by Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, NBT and Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT.

Speaking to the participants, Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma Chairman and Director highlighted the importance of the course for the enrolled students' careers and how Book Publishing is not just a careerdriven job but also a way to fulfil one's social responsibility through publishing content that reaches the people.

The course is designed in such a way that the students will be able to understand different aspects of book publishing including the signing of contracts, its laws, designing, etc. in addition to editing. The Chairman emphasised how Books have been called a 'Soft Power' as the power lies in their content. As the session drew to an end, a vote of thanks was given by Smt. Neera Jain, CE &



JD where she thanked the Chairman and Director for enlightening the students and shed some light on the 27-year long duration of this course for the students. This year about 80 students have joined the online course from across the country. Shri Rubin D'Çruz, Assisstant Editor (Malayalam), NBT coordinated the event.

# **Marathi Translation Workshop**





ational Book Trust, India organised a translation workshop in Fergusson College, Pune. As part of NBT's mandate to promote mother tongue and to bring out books to cater to reading requirements of children in the first language they

have learnt, NBT organises translation workshops from time to time. About 15 translators in Marathi worked on developing 30 books. So far, NBT has published books in more than 50 Indian languages.

# **NBT at Sharjah International Book Fair 2021**

r. Aman Puri, Hon'ble Consul General, CGI, Dubai inaugurated the India Stand at the Sharjah International Book Fair 2021 on 03 November 2021.

Inaugurating the India Stand, Dr Aman Puri expressed his happiness at the range of Indian books exhibited at the NBT-India stall, and the language represented, and was glad to see the publications from various Indian publishers showcased across various genres. He congratulated NBT, India for its work in publishing quality literature and promoting reading and books for the youth



through book fairs and exhibitions. He also extended his best wishes for the upcoming New Delhi World Book Fair 2022 (organized by NBT, India) where 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava' is the theme of the Fair.

After the inauguration, Dr. Aman Puri visited



the stalls of other Indian publishers exhibiting in the pavilion and interacted with them. He was pleased with the books displayed and appreciated the motivation and passion by Indian publishers to showcase their indigenous literature at international forum.

Led by the stall of National Book Trust, India, the Sharjah International Book Fair had a presence of more than 85 Indian publishers including Capexil and Publications Division. The stall of National Book Trust, India (Hall No. 7, ZA-1) at Sharjah International Book Fair 2021 showcased a collection of about 250 titles in English, Hindi, Malayalam and Urdu representing the work of more than 30 Indian publishers.

# NBT at Guadalajara International Book Fair 2021

ational Book Trust, India participated in Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL) from 27th November to 5 December 2021.

Ms. Juhi Rai, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of India at Mexico and Ms Ankita Wakekar, Third Secretary visited the NBT stall. NBT had put up a collective exhibit of more than 200 books in English, Hindi, Spanish and



other Indian languages. Shri S.R. Veenesh, Assistant Director, NBT and Dr. P. Mohan, Assistant Editor represented NBT at the Fair. Many publishers, trade visitors and dignitaries visited the NBT stall. They showed keen interest in books on art & culture, education, memoirs, autobiographies, travelogues as well as books for children and young adults.

# Launch of 45 NBT Titles for Children in Jharkhand

a t i o n a l BookTrust, India's 45 titles for children in ten languages of Jharkhand were released by Hon'ble Governor Ramesh



Bais and Chief Minister Hemant Soren on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda ji and establishment of the Jharkhand State. These books were translated in collaboration with Dr. Ramdayal Munda Tribal Research Institute, Ranchi. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hemant Soren also announced a cash reward of Rs. 1 lakh for eight individuals who have translated books in regional languages published by the National Book Trust, India. The Guadalajara International Book Fair is the largest book fair of the Latin-American region, and the second largest book fair in the world after Frankfurt Book Fair. The fair was organised as an inperson event for the first time in two years and witnessed a massive daily footfall and saw participation from over 300 exhibitors and representatives from more than 1,000 companies.

# **Constitution Day at NBT**

Ational Book Trust, India observed Constitution Day at its premises in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi on 26 November 2021. On the occasion of National Constitution Day, NBT officials, led by Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT read out the preamble of the Constitution of India and



also



pledged to uphold the Fundamental Duties as enshrined under Article 51-A. Copies of the Preamble were also distributed among the employees of NBT. The Constitution of India was adopted on 26 November 1949

and came into force on 26 January 1950.

# **NBT Exhibition at Bansuri Mahotsav**



17 to 19 December 2021. In the exhibition, book lovers browsed through the books of the Trust published in different Indian

languages. The festival was organized at Drummond Government Inter College.



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# Vice-President AWWA's Visit to NBT

The Vice-President of the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA), Smt. Mamun Mohanty recently visited the headquarters of National Book Trust, India located in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. AWWA works for the welfare of the spouses, children and dependants of Army Personnel.

On her visit, Smt Mohanty was given a tour of the NBT Book Shop where she had a look at various books of her interest and browsed through the collection of literature



at the Children's Library in the Trust. She also had a meeting with the Trust's Director, Shri Yuvraj Malik and appreciated the efforts of the Trust towards book promotion around the country through their various initiatives and activities.

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