

Focus on authors

he New Delhi World Book Fair is not only an happening place but also offers a platform where writers, scholars, critics, publishers, editors, meet and interact with each other. This year one important

feature of the Fair was the scores of writers and academics both established and aspiring who read from their works and entered into lively debates with the visitors. About 500 authors spread over 300 sessions were hosted at the four hotspots of the Fair: Reflections,



Conversations, Sahitya Manch and Lekhak Manch. The authors, the backbone of the publishing industry, were a great draw among the general public.

The rise of Indian publishing has marched in lockstep with the rise of a new era of Indian writers. Writing in English and other



Indian languages, thev are today transforming India's landscape. While established writers have scripted their names in world literature, with translations of their works available in almost all major foreign languages, it is the crop of new and young writers that are taking the publishing

world by surprise. Venturing into unchartered areas and grappling with modern themes they have also been successful in holding the attention of readers.

This year, interestingly, the publishers seem to be riding high on the wave of popularity that young writers command among the readers. Most of these writers in their twenties or even younger, were seen engaging with the audience conveying and ideating their works and their



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experiences. The phenomenal success of new writers, publishers say, is an encouraging sign for the industry in general.

A day with Nicktoons

ids' favourite cartoon characters — Ninja Hattori and Dora the Explorer — made an appearance at the Kidz Bubble. The Kidz Bubble is a small enclave for very young children, where they are encouraged to unleash their creativity. The kids, along with their parents, had lot of fun and interesting interaction with their favourite toons from Nickelodeon.

The Nicktoons asked the children lot of questions on general topics, and the winners were awarded with gift hampers from Nickelodeon. With the hall bursting with children of all ages, the Nicktoons also happily posed for a photo session with kids and their parents.



The day ended with a performance by children who had come all the way from Kathua (J&K), representing the Dogri, Kashmiri and Ladakhi tradition and culture.



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Explaining Vedanta to the modern world

edanta defines life, said Dr Parthasarathy, on the book release and discussion session organized by Sri SIIM at the Authors' Corner 'Conversations' at Hall 12.



Releasing the "Vedanta: book, The Modern World", Shri Rajeev Shukla, Hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs & Planning, Govt. India said that of millions of people will enlightened and be motivated on reading Dr Parthasarathy's latest book. since

it is a modern interpretation of Vedanta meant especially for the new generation. He also expressed his happiness over the large number of young book lovers at the book fair. He said that youth are the future of the country and their interest in reading is a good indication.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Dalip Tahil, well-known actor and the Guest of Honour at the function; said that Vedanta is a union of practicality and spirituality. At the end, he quoted Vivekananda and said, "Vedanta teaches oneness, one life".

Polish-Hindi Translations and Literary Exchange

n the sidelines of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2014, a conversation with Ms. Anna Tryc-Bromley, Director, Polish Institute; Prof. Harimohan Sharma, an academician and Polish, English, Hindi translator; and Ms. Maria Skakuj Puri and Ms. Monika Browarczyk, translators from Polish into Hindi was organized by Rajkamal Prakashan at the Polish Pavilion, Hall No. 8.

The conversation began on the note of how Indian literature is received in Poland and vice versa. During the discussion, it surfaced



that translations of Polish works, Andrzej Stasiuk's Tales of Galacia, Ogla Tokarczuk's Wardrobe by and Ryszard Kapuscinski's Shah of Shahs into Hindi marks the historic

beginning of literary transaction between the two countries.

Prof. Harimohan spoke about his experience of association with Polish language for more than two decades. He said that he chanced upon himself challenge to learn Polish and then translated in the process. Maria said that it was her dream to bring Poland and India together, and she felt that language is the best medium to do it. She added that during her course of translation, she discovered similar elements in Indian and Polish literature such as the search for an individual space. She mentioned that their next project is to translate any novel by Krishna Sobti, a renowned Hindi fiction writer and essayist.

Ms. Monika admitted that while co-translating their book with Maria, there were points of disagreement between them, for both had their own perspectives. However, they agreed to and present the best to the readers. Ms. Monika was of the view that every country has its literature but one cannot deny the fact that there are elements in literature which are universal.

Ms. Anna applauded the historic event of the Polish-Indian literature transaction through translation. She informed the audience that Polish Institute assists in rights acquisition and translation of Polish books. She also added that there are about 60 percent of foreign books in Poland market, indicating the curiosity of the Polish readers.

The conversation concluded on a positive note that Polish poems and short stories had been translated into English and Hindi, and they looked forward for more translations and of other genres like fiction and drama in coming years.

Sethu's Book Release

ne of the most innovative of modern Malayalam writers, Sethu pioneered a radical transformation of sensitizing in the sixties and seventies. His most critically acclaimed work *Pandavapuram* has been translated into many languages and has also been made into films in Malayalam and Bangla.



Releasing Sethu's 'During the Journey and Other Stories', a collection of stories in English, Shri Pavan K. Verma, former Ambassador and Advisor (Culture) to the Chief Minister of Bihar, said, "The brilliance of these stories is that it has to be completed by the reader." Referring to the book as a remarkable collection, Mr. Verma said, "The quality of the writing to explore the inner mindscape and the sheer brilliance of understatement mark these stories."

Presiding over the function, Prof. Omchery N.N. Pillai, Principal, PG College of Communication and Management, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, said, "Sethu is that rare talent who can blend reality and fantasy, giving the reader the experience of a dream. Every story of his is unique and Sethu never repeats his themes."

"I wrote my first story 47 years ago in a *barsati* in Karol Bagh, New Delhi. I did not write of a small village in Kerala but on Bihar," said Shri Sethu in his address. "My profession as a banker took me to different parts of India and my experiences are most often reflected in my stories giving it a pan-Indian look," he added.

Published by LiFi Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 'During the Journey and Other Stories' is rendered into English by Aboobacker Kappad. The stories explore the wondrous world of archetypes, dreams, fantasies and nightmares, shedding precious light on the enigma of experience. A former banker, Shri Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan) is currently the Chairman, NBT India.

Organisers of AFCC, Singapore impressed!

20-member delegation representing Singapore and the Asian Festival of Children's Content (AFCC), the National Book Development Council of Singapore and the National Arts Council attended the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF). The first AFCC Midstream Board of Advisors meeting was also held at NDWBF, which is the first to be held outside of Singapore. The attending members discussed key issues regarding India's participation in AFCC 2014 as

the Country-of-Focus, as well as planning the future direction of the event. This was followed by the AFCC Forum, where AFCC Board members presented key issues facing publishers of children's content in South East Asia and India.

As per Mr. R. Ramachandran, Executive Director, National Book Development Council



of Singapore, "With this exploratory trip to the NDWBF, I hope to set the stage for greater Singaporean participation in future years. There is tremendous potential for Indian and Asian publishers from the rest of Asia to cross-sell their rights and to develop more business for mutual benefits. Indian books are excellent both in content and quality and hence I see the possibility of Indian books dominating the growing book market in Asia. I would like to urge Indian publishers to use Singapore as a gateway to the Asian book market and the National Book Development Council of Singapore would be pleased to facilitate the process."



Meeting Young Writers

Young Writers' Meet was organized by Sahitya Akademi and NBT India, at Sahitya Manch in Hall 8, where young authors and poets representing different languages read out their works to a packed hall. Chongtham Dipu Singh read out a poem in Asamiya, while Tasneef Haider enthralled the audience with his Urdu ghazals. Rati Agnihotri, who writes both in Hindi and English, read out her poems

in both. Sanjib Paul Deka who writes in Asamiya narrated one of his stories in English, while Sanwal Dhami who writes in Punjabi read out his poems in Hindi. The



session ended with Bharat Tiwani's rendering of his Hindi poem.

In the evening session, a discussion on the topic "Campus mein Literature", was organized by Samanvay-IHC, which discussed the role of universities and colleges in nurturing and promoting budding writers and poets. The discussants included Prof. Ayub from the Department of Urdu, JNU; Prof. Rachna Singh, Department of Hindi, Hindu College; Prof. Maya Joshi, Department of English, University of Delhi, Shri Arvind Gaur, eminent theatre director; and Shri Satyanand Nirupam, young writer, poet and editor.

CAPEXIL attracts new members @ NDWBF

n the continuous endeavors to promote Indian publishing and printing industry, CAPEXIL got wonderful response at NDWBF too. There are many new membership enrolments of Indian publishers

and printers from all the parts of India, especially Northern region.

Ms M. Lalithambal, Deputy Director, CAPEXIL shared that the fairs are the best platforms for us to promote. "At fair we had meetings with people from Nigeria Book Fair; Sharjah Book Fair; Abu Dhabi Book Fair; Frankfurt Book Fair and London Book Fair. So, I feel it's a great way to promote bilateral trade. This year, we are



participating in many other international book fairs as well with large Indian continent to promote their books and services overseas," she added.

Being associated with CAPEXIL for almost 35 years now, Ms Lalithambal feels the need for the support by government and publishers etc for better success of their initiatives.

As per Ms Kamini Sinha, Executive Officer, CAPEXIL, their visitors' book is filled with many elite names of Indian and international book publishing people and said that people feel proud to be CAPEXIL member, thus the list has been increasing really fast."

A lively day at the Theme Pavilion

n enlightening "Morning with Jeeva Aunty" rejuvenated the children at the Theme Pavilion at Hall 7. When she started singing, "Five Monkeys Swinging on a Tree... Teaching Mr

Crocodile..." the children could not stop themselves from singing the story along with her. Ms Jeeva Raghunath (Jeeva Aunty), the well-known storyteller and author in her distinctive style left the audience of all age-groups spell-bound.



In the afternoon, the programme "NBT Express: A Journey to the World of Children's Literature" was organized by NBT in association with Consortium Octet. Dr Shekhar Sarkar asked the children questions related to Indian literature, authors, and popular characters. Later a play on the



importance of education 'Janna Zaroori Hai' was presented by the artists of Kala Sankraman.

A panel discussion on the topic "Need for Classroom Libraries" was also organized, where Shri Arvind Kumar, Ms Zakia, Ms Sangeeta Chaudhry and Ms Ruchika Mehra presented their views. They talked about the ways through which books can be made appealing to the children through school libraries especially in rural and remote areas of the country.

The book "One Day in Kaziranga" by Sharada Koliluru and published by Macaw Books, India was released at Theme Pavilion in the evening. Releasing the book, Shri A Sethumadhavan, Chairman, NBT said, "The book gives a definite message about the way the nature and animals should be treated". He also commended on the production and presentation of the books.





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Rapples – a launch with a difference

Rapples tablet was formally launched last evening by Repro India in an unusual way. In the presence of some of India's leading educational publishers, Rapples was launched by the children of the Kaushalya World School, Greater Noida and Ryan International School. Along with their teachers and some of the principals who were also present, the children cut a 'digital' ribbon to formally launch Rapples. Rapples, a 360 degree interactive tablet with text books pre-loaded as selected by teachers, has been





in use by these schools. During the launch, the children and teachers shared their views of Rapples as well as the concept of digital education. Finding that Rapples "was fun to use, and made studies interesting and easy," the students strongly endorsed Rapples. Teachers too supplemented their views emphasizing that Rapples has cut down their paperwork considerably, and helped them manage their classes better.

The evening ended in a spirited bon-homie with various publishers sharing Repro's vision of making quality education available to students everywhere.





AMITY University Press attracts young visitors

ooks for children of class 1-5, showing at the stand of AMITY University Press (in Hall 7) pull young visitors who enjoy reading and experiencing the company's study materials designed to improve analytical skills



of kids. "We are happy to see small kids who come down to our stand and browse books which they enjoy seeing and reading," said Rupa Gupta, senior editor, AMITY University Press.





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NBT Express: Kashmir Se Kanyakumari in the world of children literature

N BT EXPRESS departure with the whistle blow of the steam engine train from Kathasagar: Children Theme Pavilion was packed to capacity with children from different schools clamouring to book their journey seats in a realistic way to different destinations from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

Apart from the normal bookings, there were also Tatkal tickets available for children who could instantly give answers to the numerous questions asked by the programme organizer Dr Shekhar Sarkar when the train screeched to halt at a particular station.

The journey from the city of Delhi to Agra, Ahmedabad, Ja mnagar, Dwarka, Ok ha, KutchBuch, Bhav nagar, Porbandar, Gi rForests, Diu, Mumb ai, Hyderabad, Chen nai, Rameswaram, B huvneswar, Kolkata, Banares, Kashmir and back to Delhi was a thrilling experience



for the participating audience for the NBT Express journey to the world of knowledge and children's literature.

Children who could complete their journey by retaining their seat were rewarded by books to encourage them take similar journey into the world of children literature, while the participating children were given participatory certificate by Sh M.R. Mahapatra, Editor, NCCL –NBT.

Aurora Production presents Swizz kits for kids

i e d - u p with Swizz publishing c o m p a n y Eduvision Hub, Hyderabad-based Aurora Production at its stand 16A in Hall 7 presents a whole lot of items designed to provide value education



to young children. The learning and reading materials which are now showcasing in the ongoing NDWBF '14 include CDs and books on child development, education and parenting.

What's cooking up @ Nita Mehta Books

he books by Ms Nita Mehta and her publishing company are being loved by all. And her presence at the book fair was an added advantage for all the mums of "Fussy Eaters", who were seen taking help in choosing books for them to buy. And the cherry on the cake was getting a copy signed by her.

The newly launched edition of 18 cook books, which are priced just for Rs 25, was selling really like hot cakes. On asking about her views about the book fairs she added, "Being at a book fair is always a delight and the response we

are getting is so heartwarming. This gives me inspiration to keep writing. All my books are so special to me that I can't put in words and when they are loved by others I feel elated."

Book release function at Sahitya Manch, Hall 8

Book title: 'Bharat Me Khadya Suraksha evm Krishi' **Author:** Umesh Chauhan

February 22, 2014 at 2 to 3 pm

Speakers: Shri Sudhir Kumar, Food Secretary, Govt of India; Shri Sanjeev Chaudhary, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India; Shri N.B. Singh, Former Agriculture Commissioner, Govt of India and Shri Harvir Singh, Senior Editor, Amar Ujala.

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Inculcating reading habits in children...

Nilima Sinha, President, AWIC; Girija Rani Asthana, Vice President, AWIC and Nita Berry, EC member, AWIC will discuss on inculcating reading habits in young children and will also give tips to choose right books for students/children and storytelling sessions for children aged 3 to 8 years. The event, organized by Vishv Books, will be held in Hall 12 at Authors Corner.







Technology to woo children



"Baba black sheep have you any wool?...." reverberates as you enter any hall in the Fair, particularly in Hall No. 7, which houses a large number of the children's publishers. Many of these publishers are now developers and producers of multimedia products. And with developments in information technology and the spread of internet, the market seems to tend to respond to their efforts.

The changes in technology tend to change the market attracting a new set of readers. The reason why many CD developers like Dove Multimedia from Chennai, Genius Hive from Delhi, Chennai Multimedia, Tech-Kids from Delhi, X-Nine from Gurgaon, to name a few, are active at the Fair. All of them are developers of educational animated CDs for students from pre-school to high school, according to CBSE syllabus, as well as language learning and general knowledge CDs. Very few have 2D-animatied versions and most of their products are 3D animations.

To attract students who use tablets and other devices, many publishers sell pre-loaded educational content in pen-drives. These are widely used by students nowadays. Future Vision in its stall has the 'Xamidea' series of books with CDs which are widely sought by +2 students. With the slogan 'Now your child can also score 96%", it is not surprising that these stalls are crowded with students and parents.

Besides, one can learn languages like German , French and Spanish, Russian and even Chinese too, through specially developed interactive language learning CDs/DVDs. Publishers like Digital Media and BMS Education are selling exclusive software learning tools ranging from Microsoft Office to AutoCad.

Meritnation.com, Smartschool Education Pvt. Ltd., Math Mastermind among others are promoting their online learning websites. The websites offer multimedia tutorials, interactive exercises, practice tests as well as expert help. AIETS.com and CD Point have in their stall books with CDs for various competitive exams like GATE, IIT JEE, CAT, BITSAT, AIPMT, NEET, SSC, UPSC, etc.

Family Eduvision is the sole distributors for Aurora Productions AG, which publishes religious and children's books, quotable quotes, moral stories, etc., provides multimedia CDs with the printed versions. Goyal Brothers Prakashan also has a good

Aadarsh presents fun of learning

hildren's excusive items comprising learning toys, books and others which are currently putting on display at Aadarsh's stand in Hall 7 are some of the best exhibits which NDWBF presents for kids. This company is engaged in printing, international licenses, publishing, designing, illustration and many more to create a complete combo of products which children always get amused in the first sight.

Some of the demanded items on display at Aadarsh's stand include children's learning and reading items from Purple Turtle, Ben 10, Fido Dido, Angel Cat Sugar, Heroes of the City, Pookie, to mention a few. "We are actively present in SAARC region and this fair is one of our promotional activities which help us find new contacts and other business



opportunities," said KN Krishnanand, head-publishing and licensing, Aadarsh Pvt Ltd. He further appreciated NBT for this radical book fair through which Aadarsh could get new trading prospects. number of titles with animated CDs. Jeevandeep Prakashan markets its CDs under a series called 'periwinkle' and all of their products are education oriented. They also have an online education website under the same name.

There are a few who provide services to publishers. Edit-One International is one among a few who provides book designing and animation services to the prospective publishers. And there is Pratham Infotech which provides school management softwares.

Concoct Services, a first timer in the NDWBF, has come out with different products. They have developed applications for publishers as well as for users. Their apps such as Animal Voices, English Vocabulary, etc. for children as well as Visit Delhi series for tech-savvy people are distributed free and they can be used in mobile phones. A game developed by them called 'Santa Dance' has been downloaded by more than a lakh users, claims Ms Neha Agarwal.

Olivia English Lab from Kochin sells language learning ``We equipments. are here for marketing our product to schools and colleges. Our English language learning courses could be connected with upto 40 Student Consoles and the students can greatly benefit from the clarity and quality of sound," said Jayakumar from Olivia.

While every other publisher turning to e-format, religious and philosophical publishers also toe the line. Celebrating Life Foundation sells CDs of Archana Didi. One can also get CDs in the stalls of Hasyayoga, Osho World Foundation, Swami Jyotirmayananda Ashram.

About one in four stalls sell CDs/DVDs or content-loaded pen drives or kids laptops or other gadgets, and in the years to come their number is sure to grow.



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New titles released...

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Chandra Saxena; Seeing The Girl by Anuradha Vijayakrishnan and Life, Odds and Ends by Anvita Bajpai. The release function was followed by book

reading and discussions. There was also book reading by Shubha Sarma from her book 'Fly on the Wall'.

A talk on meditation at NDWBF

awan Kirpal Ruhani Mission is organizing a spiritual talk titled "Meditation - The Blue print to Success" in auditorium 2 of hall no. 18 today. This talk is aimed at apprising the attendees with the benefits of meditation on the physical, mental and spiritual front. It will be discussed how a simple technique of meditation can not only help us achieve success in every sphere of our lives but can also help us experience the divine power of the Lord within each one of us. The audience will also be given a brief introduction of Sawan Kirpal Ruhani Mission and its principles. Another programme is planned for children to be held at 12.45 in hall 7.

Movement for multilingual India

O n the occasion of the International Mother Language Day, language activists from across India came together in New Delhi to discuss some of the issues and demands and to launch a movement called Movement for Multilingual India (MMI). Representatives of Bangla, Kannada, Punjabi, Tamil, Maithili, Koshali, Urdu and others participated in the event.

MMI, according to the organizers, will create an awareness campaign to recognize the regional languages as official languages of India, providing official status by the inclusion in the Eighth Schedule of Constitution for more than 30 languages that has already approached the Indian government formally, and to make efforts to save hundreds of



minor languages at the brink of extinction.

It was also proposed to advocate for a Language Rights and Equality Bill. With consulting language organizations, linguistics, educationists, civil rights movements, ethnic organizations and constitution experts, the draft will be developed in a process of serious discussions.

Mr. Senthil Nathan, Federal Coordinator of MMI said "MMI will create awareness campaigns and ensure the bill is presented in the Parliament. We know that it's a long term goal but eventually that is the way forward."

Mr. B.H. Raghavendra, representative of Banavasi Balaga; Mr. Prashant Kumar Meher, Kosali language poet and activist; Mr. Valar Mathi, an independent film maker; Mr D. Manjit, Member, PUDR; Dr. Prithvi Raj Thapar, General Secretary, Punjabi Lok Manch; Mr Sunandan Roy Chowdhury, Working President of All Bengali Publishers Association; Mrs Veera, a writer from Delhi also spoke on the occasion.

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the sidelines of the n NDWBF 2014, S. Chand Group celebrated their platinum jubilee at a glittering ceremony, which was attended by over 1000 people, including authors, publishers, publishers and booksellers associations, school and college teachers, academicians and government officials. A coffee table book containing the history of 75 years of S. Chand group was also launched at the occasion.

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young in he people, particular, facing discrimination in society, ethnic distance, cultural intolerance, and personal traumas seek a peaceful resolution. The disasters manufactured by man always cause greater injury, both physical and psychological to the entire social fabric. The extent of suffering is powerful; the anguish is so deep and concentrated it throbs unimaginably through the psyche of humanity for a long time. The psychological wounds are deep and intense, sometimes pushing children into the security of silence, withdrawal and a psyche tarnished by simmering hatred.

Stories offer solace; literature can show a way through conflict that enables the young minds to think and comprehend, ensuring an emotional release and coming to grips with their situation. Book therapy is the art of healing through literature, stories and poetry – precisely books. The idea of book therapy seems to have grown naturally from the human inclination to identify with others through their expressions in literature and art.

Story-reading and storytelling aids in overcoming fear and depression and restoring sanity in adverse situations. The process may be accompanied with accessories of book therapy such as, storytelling, discussions, child art, role-playing etc. The method articulates a significant dimension of promoting reading skills that not only encourage learning but soothe the troubled mind.

The simple activity of directed reading and subsequent activities involves understanding the circumstance of the children or the child, selecting the right kind of books which is subject appropriate and suitable for the age and reading level of the child and encourage and assist reading. The selected book could be a picture book captivating the young reader with its charm. The simplicity of the plot, pictures, and colours bear a powerful impression on the traumatised mind, uncannily spreading a balm to relieve hurt. Maturity of the reader enables him to read more meaning into the story and see beyond the pictures.

Usually real life adventures that are imaginative, rich in emotional content and inspiring hope dealing with traumatic are situations capable of providing solutions to conflicts.

Lighthouse in the Storm - a collection of 24 heartwarming stories projecting remedies to inner turmoil. A Clear Blue Sky are stories of conflicts and tolerance, Dr Ira Saxena Sorry Best



Friend relates stories of the real situations of divisive forces of communalism, guiding school children handle to difficult situations. Faces in My Cupboard, a collection of sensitive stories presents images conflicts of emotional and acceptance in socially approved channels. The Road to Peace and One World are collections of peace stories resolving conflicts and inspire hope. Hope becomes the antidote of despair and tolerance is the moving force to overcome despair.

Sometimes it may be a good idea to draw the young readers into stories of parallel worlds. Explorations in myths of monsters and metaphors and imagery of enduring evil as in the vampire stories could prove to be a diversion. Many science fiction disaster tales and real prophecies of the apocalypse strike to surface inner feelings in children. Unconsciously they touch upon the repressed anger within the reader empowering him or her to merge with the main character and conquer, hence uplifting their ego-strength. However, there is a word of caution, a close observation is required to allow that fantasy tales do not slide the reader further into unreal, the actual emotional unburdening occurs in realistic stories.

Much of the adventure fiction that remains a favourite genre with young readers rests upon conflicts complicated further into enigmas with definite emotional content and rarely becoming traumatic for the protagonist works out an acceptable solution in the end. The prose revolves around action, exploration, hunt, quest, capture, and stances of physical substance leading to the resolution of conflict. Among the long list of fiction Kaziranga Trail and The Blind Witness, Faces in the Water, The Ghost of Gosain Bagan, I am Sona, Curse of Grass, Stories by Premchand, Jhansi Ki Rani remain exception owing to the choice of the accent and incentive of the adventure circumstance. The Curse of Grass is a historical event converging on environmental morals strike a chord of positive actions absorbing the spirit of non-violence. The limitations of the main characters accomplishing major trophies just like an insignificant underdog reaching immeasurable heights underscore the adventure. The fluidity of prose carries the reader into the scene, enabling them to project their personal flaws in the limitations of the main character, to experience vital recovery of self-esteem on general approval in the end. It has been observed that tales of real-life heroes and episodes of valour strike a positive note in flight from fear. The achievement at the end becomes cathartic, producing lofty feelings of general wellbeing. The emotional content, as I have been emphasizing, also tends to reduce the hurt of children confined in hospitals.

Poetry utilizes imagination and creativity to heal. Poetry (Paper Boats - Tagore, Why are You Afraid to Hold My Hand and Little Fingers, Look at the Moon) as therapy uses the traditional





– rhythm, techniques sound, metaphor, etc. - but the focus is on the spirited imagination of the writer. As children grow into teens their mind's eye evolve to sensitive appreciation of fine arts. Themselves they their thoughts and express ideas passionately. fervent Amateur poetry becomes only a means to an end, therefore an important one for growth in selfhood and emotional awareness through self-expression.

Sensitive insights into handling traumas readers accept the read solutions in their approach to life. There is evidence that reading story





Children author Paro Anand disucsses her experience of sessions with traumatic children

Truly an ocean of stories!

hildren literature in India is born of its multilingual and multicultural ethos. They celebrate certain pluralism and continue to explore opportunities that come with contemporary challenges. Young and innovative publishers as well as young writers who make the Indian children's publishing scene exciting are experimenting with theme and designs, in the process earning international attention. Also, the changing dynamics of storytelling tradition with technological advances is transforming the way stories are told and retold. They still find their way back to our hearts.

The theme pavilion Kathasagara: Celebrating Children Literature brings the vibrant children literature alive. The specially curated panels 'A Tale of Tales' take us on a journey of its rich and varied heritage. The subjects for these panels include Myths, Legends and Folktales; Storytelling Tradition in India; Epics and Classics Retold for Children; Towards Freedom; Tales for a New Nation; Expressions – Illustrating the Indian Way; and Tales Today.

These 36 panels are beautifully designed and visitors can be seen reading and admiring them. These panels showcase the distinctive and rich treasury of children's literature, which is an exhibit of select books in print, in English and other languages.

books to a child on one to one basis has wide ranging impact on the development of a child's personality influencing class performance and verbal skills. There is a possibility of the child turning fragile, cease to mature along the developmental timeline and become depressed. The book therapy issues stress on the spirit of resilience integrating healing of the body and the mind simultaneously. The books/stories draw the child out from the depths of their problems; assist interaction with peers, eventually facilitating them to settle in their circumstance and eventually changing attitudes.







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New Delhi World Book Fair is being visited by book lovers from all over India. And, it would be a great delight for a book lover to discover myriad books in his regional language. There are books available in Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Odia, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil, Bangla, Telugu, Assamese, Marathi and Sanskrit at Hall 14 and Hall 1R. Here Smita Dwivedi brings an update of her interactions with the publishers and buyers of these books.

The Hall 14, Pragati Maidan is buzzing with regional language publishers and book buyers from all over India. One of the common reasons for their presence at NDWBF is to get publicity for their books. The stalls of Malayalam, Urdu and Bihari Hindi Granth books are garnering good footfalls. We've already shared insights about the regional publishers from down South with our readers. So, today, we bring a brief on other regional publishers.

The Urdu book sellers are experiencing good sales as there are large numbers of Urdu book buyers. There are over 40 Urdu language stalls at Hall 14, and they are selling everything from religious literature to poetry to fiction. "We are the only one to have original translation of Ramayan in Urdu, the original manuscript of which is preserved in our Library," shared Mr Fiasal of Rampur Raza Library. Also attracting good sales is Bihar Hindi Granth Academy's books, as there are some genuinely priced classical literature available at their stand.

The visitors at Puniabi Publishers Welfare Association are keen to get Amrita Pritam's Book and other classics of Punjabi. Also, there are also visitors thronged at Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee Shiromani and Parbandhak Gurudwara



selling `Guthkas' (religious text in compact form) like hot cakes. The Oriya books displayed

Committee, Amrtisar, who are

at the Orissa Publishers & Book Sellers Association (OPBSA) were getting few buyers this time. Sharing views about the books and buyers, Mr Rajesh Roa, of OPBSA shared "We are not happy with response we are getting at the fair."

As per the representatives of

eBooks at Urim Books

Visitors to the stand of South Korean publishers Urim Books, were in for a pleasant surprise, when they found the Punjabi edition of the eBook of 'The Message of the Cross.' Infact, the company showcases eBooks in 58 languages, including Telugu, Punjabi, Tankhul and Simte.

Marathi Prakashan Parishad, Pune, Marathi literature is always in demand and despite being not well placed with other regional language, they are still generating good sales figures everyday.

The classical literature of Assam and Bangla has its own charm and is loved by all. Also, at their stall, one can find rare books, "Bangla literature is outstanding, and there are lots of Bangla readers in Delhi and we are getting good response," shared, Ms Tonoy Chakarborty of Bhabani Offset. Assamese books are also attracting buyers, "Our fiction titles are getting good response," shared Mr Debananda Phulean, Anwesha, Guwahati.

Visitors to NDWBF can also find books in Sindhi and Sanskrit.

Not just printed books, e-books in regional languages are also available iMusti.com, a prestigious label that offers digital entertainment worldwide is giving an exciting dimension to the concept of regional eBooks, as iMusti has more than 3,500 books in English, Hindi, Gujarati, Bengali, Marathi, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Sanskrit, Telegu, Urdu, Manipuri, etc. iMusti will also soon introduce famous Punjabi collections. The books are on various titles such as literature, politics, history, music, spirituality as well as children's books.

Mr. Samir K h a n d w a l a , Founder & CEO iMusti. com said, "The NDWBF is an ideal platform to showcase



books and *Samir Khandwala* reach out to avid readers. In India, regional eBooks/content are not frequently available as compared to international eBooks. We at iMusti, aim to provide and promote regional literature accessible across the globe and this is the best place to convey our message to the public at large."

Some of the new collection of legendary authors available

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Show Daily

Digital presses offer add-on opportunities to book publishers

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apid increase in demand for short-run productions and POD jobs in the book publishing market has correspondingly augmented the role of digital presses which provide publishers various add-on advantages the industry has ever experienced. In this respect, Avijit Mukheriee, chief operating officer, production printing business group, RICOH India talked to Show Daily during NDWBF '14 giving a spotlight on the revolution that **RICOH** digital presses have swept in across the book printing segment.

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"Arrival of a host of digital



conventional book printing activities. Such trend still embracing printing as a very integral part to handle short-run productions of books in which digital presses play a vital role," said Avijit adding that digital presses save paper wastage

and production cost which is significantly cost effectiveness of digital technology against offset. He further explained that the advent of digital presses will eventually reduce the volume of books lying unsold in bookstores, stocking untouched in libraries, etc.

RICOH's digital presses are perfectly engineered to cater sheer requirement which book publishers all over the globe keep demanding for efficiency and consistency in quality. "The trend of accepting digital presses among book publishers has been witnessing at various book fairs and events New Delhi World



Book Fair, International Kolkata Book Fair and Jaipur Literature Festival are some events where I have witnessed a number of book publishers already adopted RICOH machines for unique production jobs," mentioned Avijit. He added that the new role of online technologies and digital presses has brought in the concept of 'global publishing' which in turn brings all in the world of book publishing closer than we imagined.

Through the lens of Show Daily





3rd Amdavad National Book Fair

O rganised by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, in association with National Book Trust, India, the 3rd Amdavad National Book Fair is scheduled from May 1-7, 2014 at Gujarat University Convention Centre, Ahmedabad. Talking to Tejas Bhandarz, Asstt Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, on his visit to NDWBF, he revealed that they have planned the new initiative of 'Rights Table' this time. The event is organized with co-operation of Gujarati Sahitya Parishad and participation of Gujarat Prakashak Mandal.



Atanu Roy illustrates happiness for kids

he famous illustrator Atanu Roy of `The Puffin book of magical Indian myth' by Anita Nair' **`Wingless** and a fairy tale' by Paro Anand was seen having great time with kids at Ratna Sagar stall. Kids



loved this interesting cartooning workshop with Atanu, who has received many international awards and prizes for cartooning and illustration.

Appreciation for NDWBF!

Prof. Aditya Mukherjee from Centre for Historical Studies, JNU and Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Dean, School of Social Sciences, JNU shared their experience at the NDWBF, "The NDWBF has improved dramatically over the years. The frequency of the fair

from biennial annual to is a good move. The Authors' Corners are very lively and it is heartening to see aood number of there." people They, however, suggested that publishers of same categories must be grouped collectively to make it easier



for the visitors. They also appreciated the overall infrastructure at Pragati Maidan, including the washrooms and other facilities.

Another title to be released!

Provide the state of the new titles to be released today at NDWBF. The guests to the release function will include Abhigyan Prakash, anchor, NDTV; Nishant Chaturvedi, channel head, News Express, besides other dignitaries. The book will be released at Gyan Books Stall in Hall 14 Stall 7.

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Finding Hindi Bestsellers

panel discussion on "Kyon Nahin Hote Hindi Me Best Seller" was organized. The panel comprise of Mr Prachand Pravir, IITian author; Mr Shailesh Bharatwasi, ace Hindi blogger; Ms Aditi Maheswari of Vani



Prakashan and Ms Meenakshi Thakur of Harper-Hindi. It has brought some reality checks for the readers and they all loved it.

Woman Power

Vani embraces woman writers

The Vani Prakashan stall has come alive with the presence of female writers and bibliophiles for the release of two books 'Afro American Sahitya: Stri Swar' by Ms Vijay Sharma, 'Sahitya Ki Zameen Aur Stri Mann Ke Uchhawas', by Ms Rohini Aggarwal.

Book Reviewed: Refining womanhood

A book 'Panchkatha' by Ms Manisha Kulshrestha was reviewed by Ms Chitra Mudgal and Ashok Vajpaye in the presence of Vartika Nanda. This book is a praiseworthy initiative of the author to represent modern woman in a most respected way.



C-SOFT offers complete book publishing software combo

complete combo of customised software solutions for almost every need in book publishing is now showcasing at C-SOFT's stand 44 in Hall 14. "Our customised software solution is designed in such a way to provide book publishers everything they require for e-publishing, dynamic e-catalogues, web applications, web hosting and other requirements in the industry," asserted Rishi Mehta, director-business development, C-SOFT Consultants. He further mentioned that the company's software solution is compatible with tablets, smart-phones, laptops and other devices.



"NDWBF '14 is an ideal networking place for making contacts with our existing customers as well as those who come down to our stand for fresh inquiries," said Rishi adding that the fair has helped them in 'brand' promotional activities as well as taking business to a new level.

Upkar Prakashan launches Beyond Rahul Versus Modi

book authored by Sutanu Guru, a journalist and economist for 25 years - 'Beyond Rahul Versus Modi, 2014-2024: The Battle

for India's Soul' was released by Upkar Prakashan in the presence of Dr S Agnihotri, Ex Director, SSC and Mr Rahul Jain, CEO, publisher of Upkar Prakashan and Pratiyogita Darpan.

The book is a



chronicle of the fascinating battle between the forces that represent Rahul and Modi.



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## **Events Today**

#### Polish Pavilion: Hall No. 7

Time	Event
11.00 - 19.00	Author's Corner: meet and greet interaction between Indian and Polish authors with Joanna Bator, Jacek Dehnel and Małgorzata Gurowska
16.00 - 17.00	Delhi's Diplomatic Domains: Chanceries & Residences of Chanakyapuri & Imperial New Delhi with the author Gladys Abankwa-Meier-Klodt

#### Theme Pavilion, Hall No. 7E

Kathasagara: Celebrating Children's Literature

Pre-Lunch	Post-Lunch	Kathasagara Evening
(11.00 am to 1.00 pm)	(2.00 pm to 4.30 pm)	(5.30 pm to 7.00 pm)
<ul> <li>11.00 am to 12.15 pm: Presentation on Indian Folk Tradition (Navratan Foundation)</li> <li>12.15 pm to 12.45 pm: A Play on Meet Mr Zero &amp; Puppet Show on Red Riding Hood (Children's Creative Club)</li> <li>12.45 pm to 1.15 pm: A Play on Importance of Peace, Colouring Activity and Quiz (Sawan Kripal Ruhani Mission &amp; NBT)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1.30 pm to 3.00 pm: Kathakar: Storytelling&amp; Skit/ Song (Katha, Bachpan Society)</li> <li>3.00 pm to 4.30 pm: Panel Discussion on Children's Literature and Education (Department of Adult Continu- ing Education &amp; Extension)</li> <li>4.30 pm to 5.30 pm: Counselling Session for Children &amp; Young Adults (University of Delhi &amp; NBT)</li> </ul>	♦ Children's Interaction with an Author-Illustrator duo: Neena Sabnani (Illustrator) and Ankit Chaddha (Author)

#### 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm:

Yaad Sheher: Vartika Nanda in conversation with Neelesh Mishra (NBT, India)

 *  There will be Screening of Films on Shankar, Pulak Biswas and Harekrishna Devsare everyday in the evening

#### Kidz Bubble: Hall No. 7

	11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Puzzle		
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	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	Listening Skill Activities		
Centre Stage	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Poem Recitation	Organised by NBT, India	
Centre Stage		Competition	Organised by NB1, India	
	2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Extempore speech		
	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	A Day with Nicktoons (Nickelodeon)		
	11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Mosaic painting		
	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	Wax resist painting		
Art Corner	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Thread painting	Organized by Macaw Books	
	2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Leaf printing	and NBT, India	
	3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Collage-making		
	11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Mask-making		
Crafts Corner	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	Leaf craft	Organized by Macaw Books and NBT, India	
	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Waste recycling crafts		
	2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Papier mache		
	3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Origami		
	11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Paper Folding	_	
	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	Clay Toys	Organised by NBT, India	
Creative Corner	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Story Telling		
	2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Fruit & Vegetable-Clay		
	3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Drawing Competition		
	11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Paper Toys		
	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	Flower Making	Organized by SARD & NBT,	
Fun Corner	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Best use of Waste	India	
	2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	String Puppet	India	
	3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Finger Puppets		

#### Seminars & Discussions: Hall Nos. 7, 8, 14 & 18

Time	Event	Venue	Organiser
12 Noon to 1.45 pm	Discussion	Auditorium I, Hall No 14	Narayani Sahitya Akademy, New Delhi
12 Noon to 1.45 pm	Work Shop	Auditorium II, Hall No 18	Sawan Kirpal Ruhila Mission, Delhi
12 Noon to 1.45 pm	Discussion	Auditorium III, Hall No 18	Amazon Sellers, Bengaluru
2.00 pm to 3.45 pm	Discussion	Auditorium I, Hall No 14	Antar Rashtriya Kisan Pari- shad, New Delhi
2.00 pm to 3.45 pm	Discussion	Auditorium II, Hall No 18	Sahitya Upakram, Karnal
2.00 pm to 3.45 pm	Discussion	Auditorium III, Hall No 18	Amazon Sellers, Bengaluru
4.00 pm to 5.45 pm	Book Release & Discussion	Auditorium I, Hall No 14	Basanti Prakashan, New Delhi
4.00 pm to 5.45 pm	Music Learning & Production	Auditorium II, Hall No 18	M & M Musicology Produc- tion Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi
4.00 pm to 5.45 pm	Discussion	Auditorium III, Hall No 18	Amazon Sellers, Bengaluru
06.00 pm to 7.45 pm	Book Release & Discussion	Auditorium I, Hall No 14	Manjuli Prakashan, New Delhi
06.00 pm to 7.45 pm	Book Release & interaction	Auditorium II, Hall No 18	Recharge Tallent Pvt Ltd, Indore
06.00 pm to 7.45 pm	Discussion	Auditorium III, Hall No 18	Amazon Sellers, Bengaluru

#### Authors' Corner: Reflections, Hall No. 10-11

Time	Author	Organiser
11:00 to 12:00	Dicussion & Video Screening on J. Krishnamurthi	JK Foundation
12:00 to 1:00	Rashmi Bansal	Amazon
2:00 to 3:00	Nita Berry, Nilima Sinha and Girija Rani Asthana	Vishv Books
3.30 to 5.30	Kunar Kapoor	Random House
4:30 to 5:00	Ashok Kumar	BSF
5:00 to 6:00	Preeti Chhabra, Ritu Arora, Pushpa Goyal S C Manchanda, Devendra Dewal	NBT India and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital
6:30 to 7:30	Manisha Taneja	HarperCollins Publishers

#### Authors' Corner: Conversations, Hall No. 12

Time	Author	Organiser	
11:30 to 12:30	Sangita Menon	HarperCollins Publishers	
1:00 to 2:00	Avijit Ghosh	Westland Books	
2:30 to 3:30	Ajit Balakrishnan and Hindol Sengupta	Pan Macmillan	
4:00 to 6:00	Ravi Venkatesan	Amazon	
6:30 to 7:30	Rukmini Bhayanar	HarperCollins Publishers	

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1 से 3 बने तक	'थोड़ा हंस ले यार' व्यंग्य संग्रह पर चर्चा - नरेन्द्र कोहली, प्रेम जनमेजय, रमाशंकर श्रीवास्तव,, आलोक पुराणिक, सुभाशा चंदर	भावना प्रकाशन
3 से 4 बने तक	'हम लोग' मनोहर याम जोशी का रचना संसार वक्ता - त्रिपुरारी शरण, मृदुला गर्ग, प्रभात रंजन, श्रीमती जोशी	हिंदी महोत्सव आयोजक - <u>वाणी प्रकाशन/</u> <u>रा. पु. न्यास</u> )
4 से 5 बने तक	बेहतर भारत के निर्माण की चुनोतियाँ वक्ताः पवन कुमार वर्मा, रितिका खेड़ा, पुरुशोत्तम अग्रवाल, रवीशा कुमार	राजमकमल प्रकाशन
5 से 6 बजे तक	कविता की एक युवा शाम - नीलम मेंहदीस्ता, वंदना गुप्ता, मृदुला शुक्ला, आनंद द्विवेदी, वंदना ग्रोवर, अंजुृार्मा, सईद अयूव, सीमांत सोहल, लालित्य ललित	बोधि प्रकाशन
6 से 7 वर्ज तक	काव्य पाठ - सुरेश वशिष्ठ आईएएस), रेलू पंत, रवि शर्मा, हरीश अरोड़ा, वंदना गुप्ता, निवेदिता झा, हर्शावर्धन, आशीशा कांधवे अध्यक्षता - वलदेव वंशी, संचालन - कौशलेन्द्र प्रपन्न	आधुनिक साहित्य
7 से 8 बने तक	युवा व्यंग्य लेखन पर चर्चा - प्रदीप पंत, मनोहर पुरी, राजेन्द्र सहगल, गिरिराज शरण अग्रवाल अध्यक्षता - शेरजंग गर्ग,	व्यंग्य यात्रा

#### Sahitya Manch: Hall No. 8

Time	Event	Organiser
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	" <b>Aaj Ka Drama</b> " (Interaction with drama writer/director) <i>Speakers</i> : Shahid Anwar, Danish Iqubal, K S Rajendran <i>Moderator</i> : Anees Azmi	National Book Trust, India
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Samanvay Sangat: <b>"The Curious Case of Young Generation"</b> <i>Speakers</i> : Prabhat Ranjan, Ganga Sahay Meena, Manisha Pandey, ArunDev, Ashok Kumar Pandey <i>Moderator</i> : Giriraj Kiradoo	Samanvay: IHC Indian Languages' Festival

#### Festival of Tribal and Folk Performing Arts of India

Organised by Sahitya Kala Parishad & NBT, India Lal Chowk (Near Hall No. 6) 6.00 pm onwards

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