

ICA Minister inaugurates Gomati District-Level Book Fair

Book Fair lights up the lamp of knowledge: ICA Minister

There is no substitute for book fair. Book Fair is the fair of knowledge. Book Fair lights up the lamp of knowledge, enunciated Information & Cultural Affairs Minister Sushanta Choudhury after inaugurating Gomati District-Level Book Fair at Udapiur KVI premises yesterday. He said, no other fair can be compared to the book fair. Book fair is the meeting place of book lovers, writers, researchers, teachers and students. The periphery of knowledge is vast. This has to be spread among all. People from Sabroom or Kanchanpur used to face difficulty in travelling to Agartala to buy their book which is why District-Level Book Fairs are being organized. Apart from that, everyone's participation is important in Book Fair. He said, one must never forget the past due to the touch of modernization in the present. One must read book to know the past. He informed that Sub-Division Level Book Fair will also be organized in future. He said, ICA department has never organized District-Level Book Fair earlier. It is the first time this year.

ICA Minister said, District-Level Book Fair has been conducted recently in Unakoti, Dhalai, North Tripura, Khowai and South Tripura districts. He lauded local administration, Udaipur Municipal Council, Gomati Municipal Council and others for organizing Gomati District-Level Book Fair. Total 160 book stalls were opened in Agartala Book Fair including book sellers and publishers from Bangladesh, Northeastern states and other parts of the country.

Sabhadhipati of Gomati Zilla Parishad Swapan Adhikari said, book fair has depth. It is the fair of gaining knowledge. Book Fair holds importance in building moral values too. If we realize the importance of book, only then book fair will serve its purpose. MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh said, one must come to book fair to know about great people like Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindranath Tagore and Swamiji and buy the books. MLA Ranjit Das and social worker Abhishek Debroy also spoke on the occasion.

Welcome speech was delivered by Gomati DM & Collector Raval Hamendra Kumar.

Inaugural programme was presided over by Chairman of Udaipur Municipal Council Shital Chandra Majumdar. Gomati ADM Arun Kumar Roy, Vice Chairman of Udaipur Municipal Council Anupam Choudhury were also present there. Gomati District-Level Book Fair will continue till April 21 and will remain open everyday from 3.30pm to 9pm. There are total 27 book stalls. 10% discount will be given to book buyers. TRLM and other line departments have also opened their respective stalls. Kabi Sanmelan, quiz competition, cultural event, seminars, rangoli making competition will also be conducted in the book fair.