

Consulate General of India, Shanghai

Hindi Diwas 2021: 'Hindi Sahitya – Ek Parichay'

PRESS RELEASE

The Consulate General of India in Shanghai organized Hindi Diwas 2021 with a lively discussion on prominent Hindi writers and poets and their prominent literary works under the title “Hindi Sahitya – Ek Parichay”. The ‘Hindi Divas’ message of Hon’ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi was also screened on the occasion.

2. Welcoming the guests, Dr. N. Nandakumar, Consul General, urged Indian diaspora in Eastern China Region (ECR) to take initiative at the individual and community level to teach Hindi to the younger generation as Children in foreign countries do not have the opportunity to learn Hindi as part of their curriculum. He also invited them to take advantage of the facilities available at the Consulate and Consulate library for teaching and learning Hindi.

3. Eminent Hindi experts from Indian Community in Shanghai presented biographical sketches and literary works of prominent Indian authors. Mrs. Anita Sharma who is an advisory board member of Kendriya Hindi Sansthan Agra Patrika – ‘Pravasi Jagat’ presented life and works of the famous female Indian author – Smt. Mahadevi Verma. She spoke of the social nature of the writer’s works and how Mahadevi ji inspired a generation of female authors. Mr. Pradhyumna Ingle, Regional Business Head of Henkel Enterprises spoke about the works of Shri Ramdhari Singh ‘Dinkar’. His recitation of Rashmirathi, one of the prominent works of ‘Dinkar’ was well appreciated by the audience.

4. Mrs. Hina Chaturvedi, a post graduate in Hindi literature from Lucknow University was also among the speakers. She spoke about Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan and how his work reflected the social conditions of his time. Smt. Swetha Bansal, an Indian Professional working in Shanghai spoke about the unique stature of Sant Kabir Das among the medieval Hindi poets and his mystic poetic tradition. The final speaker of the event was Mr. Girish Baddur, a Hindi literature enthusiast. He spoke about the works of Shri Munshi Premchand and the way the latter’s writings reflected the social situation of his time and also how his writings impacted society. Mr. Baddur also narrated “Namak ka daroga”, a famous story of the author.

5. Subsequent to the discussion on five Hindi authors, a short play based on Mohan Rakesh's "Asadh ka ek din" was performed by Mrs. Nidhi Sharma. Children also participated in the event. A poetry recital on Sohanlal Dwivedi's "Koshish Karne walon ki haar nahi hoti" was recited by Arunsh Gupta. Vedant Mandhania also delivered a speech in Hindi on the life and achievements of India's famous badminton player Smt. PV Sindhu. The last performance was the recital of the self-written poem "Arjun ka Moh bhang" by Shri. Himanshu Chaturvedi.

6. The program saw enthusiastic participation from Indian community. Apart from Indian community members, Hindi teachers and students of Shanghai International Studies University (SISU) also participated in the program through online mode. The Consul General felicitated the participants with a certificate of appreciation. The program concluded with a vote of thanks.

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