

International Book Fair and Cultural Fest opened



Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former UN Under Secretary General, inaugurating the International Book Fair and Cultural Fest



Shaikh Khalifa bin Dajj Al Khalifa unveiling the Malayalam translation of the "Era of Darkness" at the Book Fair and Cultural Fest

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The International Book Fair and Cultural Fest organised by Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam and DC Books was inaugurated by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former UN Under Secretary General and Member of Indian Parliament at Segaya BKS DJ Hall yesterday.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Dajj Al Khalifa, President of HRH Crown Prince's Court, Anand Prakash, Second Secretary Indian Embassy, P V Radhakrishnan, Ravi Deecce, M K Veeramani and other dignitaries were present at the inaugural function.

'Era of Darkness', written by

Shashi Tharoor on the British empire in India, was released at the function. The ten-day-long event will feature a book fair, cultural fest and children's competition. The fest will also be graced by prominent litterateurs and renowned personalities like Dr. Vandana Siva, writers Dr. K S Ravikumar, Manoj Kuroor and career guru B.S Warriar.

Seminars, interactive sessions and literature workshops will be held during the festival. Story writing competitions, colouring and painting, poem writing and book cover designing will be conducted for school children.

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Mathrubhumi, Sankeerthanam, Olive, Penguin, HarperCollins, Oxford University Press and Random House among others will display their books at the Fair. DC Books will exhibit books from various genres --- stories, poems, novels, children's literature and self-help books among others. The fair will have titles for bibliophiles to choose from a variety of categories like fiction, non-fiction, novels, short stories, management and cookery. A special section has been arranged for children of all age groups. A wide range of classics, folklores, adventures and comics will be displayed in this section.



The audience at the inaugural ceremony



President of HRH the Crown Prince's Court Shaikh Khalifa bin Dajj Al Khalifa hosted a luncheon reception to Dr Shashi Tharoor, former UN Under Secretary General, Member of Indian Parliament and former Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, at Trader Vic's yesterday. Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha and other community leaders attended the reception.