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Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

participates as Chief Guest at the Book Release programme
organized by Andhra Pradesh Library Association, Vijayawada
on 27th January 2020 at Durbar Hall

It gives me immense pleasure to be amongst you all on the occasion of release of Book "Bala Sahithi Soochi" a children's bibliography in Telugu from 1963 to 2019, brought out by the Andhra Pradesh Library Association, Vijayawada.

Bibliography plays an important role and will be of more use to scholars and writers. Through the Bibliography, they will be able to know the existence of a document or a literary work in a particular field of knowledge and they can easily identify the document or the book by finding its bibliographical details.

A Bibliography also serves as a tool for book selection, inculcate reading habits, publication of reading list, location of book material in terms of place of publication, year of publication etc. Bibliography also provides quick and easy access to information contained in documents to a user or a research scholar to keep themselves up to date with the subject knowledge.

The history of publication of bibliographies in Telugu can be traced back to 1929 with the first bibliography published by Sri Kasinadhuni Nageswara Rao Pantulu. After a gap of 16 years, the Andhra Pradesh Library Association published its first list of Telugu printed books in 1945. In 1962 the Andhra Pradesh Library Association published abridged Telugu Bibliography edited by Kalaprapoorna Paturi Nagabhushanam. Later, the Government

of Andhra Pradesh published a list of Telugu Children's books published up to 1961 in the name of 'Bala Sahitee Mala'.

I am glad to know that the present book 'Bala Sahiti Soochi', a bibliography of children's books from 1962 to 2019, consisting of 6,195 titles of books written by 2,081 authors, has been brought out by the Andhra Pradesh Library Association, under the editorship of Dr. Raavi Sarada.

Reading of books is more than a mere hobby as it fuels the imagination of the reader and keeps his brain active and makes him more creative. Books have the power to take the reader into a world of fantasy. Reading of books has a comprehensive effect on the personality and intelligence of the readers, irrespective of their age.

All good habits should begin from an early age and reading is one of them. Exposing children to book reading makes them more smart, inquisitive and imaginative adults. Book reading improves memory power and helps children in academics as well.

As someone said: *"Books give a soul to the Universe, Wings to the Mind, Flight to the Imagination and Life to Everything."*

I compliment Mr. K. Chandrasekhara Kalkura, President, Dr. Raavi Sarada, General Secretary and other office bearers of Andhra Pradesh Library Association, for their efforts in bringing out the 'Bala Sahithi Soochi', a compilation of children's books in Telugu from 1963 to 2019.

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