

Press Release

Civil Services Officer's Institute, a body of bureaucrats on 18th December 2015, organised the launch of the Book "Right to Information" at CSOI, Vinay Marg, New Delhi. The book which is a valuable addition to the existing literature on the Right to Information has been written by Prof. (Dr.) Dewakar Goel, a poet, writer, professor and a bureaucrat and co-authored by Dr. Abha Yadav of JNU. The book was released by renowned poet and lyricist Javed Akhtar, Eminent Actress and Social Activist Shabana Azmi and Hon'ble Judge of the Delhi High Court Justice Gita Mittal.

The evening started with talking about the book, right to information, the RTI Act and how important is the need to make easier the access to information to the common man was a subject elaborated and well discussed by Justice Gita Mittal. However, the ambience inside the auditorium took a new turn when Prof. Dewakar Goel while addressing the audience told about his long association of 30 years with Kaifi Azmi, Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi and Shaukat Azmi. Dr. Dewakar Goel insisted that this should be an evening with the title "Ek sham Javed Akhtar ke naam" because on earlier occasion of his book releases converted the evening like that. Javed sahib was requested by him to recite his poem "who karma yaad ata hai". Javed ji accepted the request by Dr. Goel and started with his poem. The audience clapped and insisted for more poems. Javed sahib obliged with another poem based on shatranj. Finally seeing the mood of the audience and persistent applauds he had to recite another poem "waqt". It was a unique occasion when shabana ji spoke not only about the book but her family association with Prof. Dr. Dewakar Goel which made her to come in spite of her illness. Dr. Dewakar Goel while feeling overwhelmed that on other occasion also where Shabana ji came from Bombay in spite of back ache. The audience clapped over the poetry recited by Dr. Goel. The general manager of CSOI Col Rajendra Gupta was overwhelmed with his feelings and said that this was a very rare and fortunate occasion that for the first time both parliamentarians Javed Akhtar and Shabana Azmi ji have graced the premises of CSOI and also stated that this is a historical moment for CSOI. The auditorium was house full with some people standing on the stairs. The gathering comprised of bureaucrats, senior lawyers, magistrates, vice chancellors and the people from high intellectual circles. It was a very rare occasion when a Justice of the status of Justice Gita Mittal spend 15 minutes in reading from the book and quoted the important aspects of the book. Perhaps it was the long association with Prof. Dr. Dewakar Goel for past 35 years when both of them were lawyers. It was really a sentimental moment when Dr. Goel said about his intuition to see Justice Gita Mittal as the first lady chief justice of India in the times to come. The programme was anchored by Ashima Jain, a freelance journalist who is co-authoring a fictional novel with Prof. Dr. Dewakar Goel. Her dialogue delivery and well planned narrations about the authors and the guests was noteworthy since for the first time we could witness clapping for the anchor.



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The Book Will Be Released By

Poet, Lyricist & Member Of Parliament- **Shri Javed Akhtar**

&

, Actress & Former Member Of Parliament- **Ms. Shabana Azmi**

Justice **Gita Mittal** will be the Guest of Honour

18th Dec. 2017 7PM onwards CSOI, Vignana Bhavan, New Delhi



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