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Press Release on World Book Day Celebrations- 23 April, 2021.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) General Conference during 1995 decided to make 23rd April every year as the **World Book Day** to pay a world-wide tribute to books and authors and encourage everyone, young people in particular, to discover the pleasure of reading. This date is related to the death anniversary of William Shakespeare and prominent Spanish chronicler Inca Garcilaso de la Vega. The theme for 2021 is '**Share a story**'.

This year India Meteorological Department (IMD) is celebrating the World Book Day on 23 April to make public aware about the theme and rich publication resources available since 1875. Information System and Knowledge Resource Development Division (IS&KRDD/ Publication Division) of IMD deals with the Maintenance of Library, Publication of International journal 'Mausam', IMD News & IMD Annual Report, Positional Astronomy Centre (PAC), Kolkata, Regional Meteorological Centres (RMCs)/Meteorological Centres (MCs). The library at H.Q. New Delhi was established in 1938. The very First book was entered in accession register on 12th December 1938. The library was renamed as National Meteorological & Seismological Documentation Centre (NMSDOC) in the year 2004. It holds knowledge resources predominantly related to meteorology and allied subjects. It caters to the scientists of the department as well as research scholars, students and other governmental agencies. This Library houses a large collection of very old & rare departmental publications / data like Memoirs, Meteorological Monographs, Scientific / Technical Notes, Pre-Published Scientific Reports (PPSRs) etc. for reference. It has 17700 books, 33,600 Journals/periodicals (Bound volumes), 5000 Very Old Hand Written Records Registers, WMO Technical Notes, Reports, Bulletins & Guides etc.

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