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## Dharmendra Pradhan Inaugurates New Delhi World Book Fair | National Current Affairs | 12 Jan 2026

### Why in News?

Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated the **New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) 2026** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**.

### Key Points

- **Organisers:** The fair is organised by the **National Book Trust (NBT), India**, under the **Ministry of Education**.
- **Theme:** The theme for NDWBF 2026 is **“Indian Military History: Valour and Wisdom @75”**, reflecting on the role and legacy of India’s armed forces.
- **Book Release:** During the inauguration, Dharmendra Pradhan released the book **“The Saga of Kudopali: The Unsung Story of 1857”** in multiple Indian languages and Spanish, honouring **Veer Surendra Sai and the martyrs of Sambalpur**.
- **International Participation:** Countries like **Qatar** and **Spain** participated in the fair.
  - **Focus Country: Qatar** (main highlight for exhibitions and literary exchange)
  - **Partner Country: Spain** (cultural and literary participation)
- **Promoting Reading Culture:** The fair underscores the importance of **reading, knowledge dissemination, multilingualism**, and **global literary dialogue** among students, scholars, and the general public.

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