

# Author honours teachers at alma mater during book relaunch

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Author Aparna Sharma honoured her former teachers at St Mary's Convent School while relaunching the second editions of her three books during a programme on Saturday.

Sharma invited each of her teachers onto the stage, touched their feet as a mark of respect and introduced

them to the audience. Her father, Narendra Mohan Sharma, felicitated faculty members Rita Chaudhary, Amitabh Trivedi, PJ Ashiko, principal Sister Sarita and vice-principal Sister Priya.

Sharma relaunched the second editions of the three books she originally authored in 2015, 2016 and 2018 under the collective title Three Ratnas. She said one of the books had become a bestseller and



The alma maters of St Mary's Convent School were felicitated during the programme FP Photo

had received the Golden Book recognition.

Mahamandaleshwar Shaileshanand Giri of the

Juna Akhara attended the programme as the chief guest. A former student of the same school, he addressed

students by narrating the story of a donkey and a mirror to explain the dangers of incomplete knowledge. He said sincere effort, discipline and complete learning lead to true wisdom and help people recognise both their own shortcomings and the virtues of others.

Narendra Mohan Sharma recalled that Aparna had initially studied science before choosing the arts stream in

Bhopal, a decision that led her towards writing. He said one of her books explores human behaviour, while another draws life lessons from ordinary people. Comparing children to seeds, he stressed the role of schools and teachers in nurturing talent. He urged students to keep reading, saying information is widely available but books provide true knowledge.