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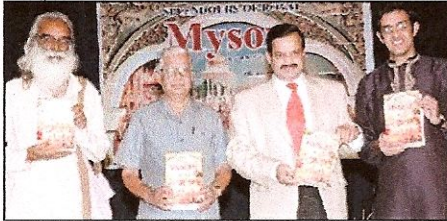
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## GENERAL NEWS

### BOOK ON THE UNTOLD STORY OF WADIYARS RELEASED IN CITY



Mysore, Mar. 25 (BRS)- The book titled "Splendours of Royal Mysore: The Untold Story of Wadiyars" authored by Vikram Sampath, was released by I.M. Vittalamurthy, Secretary, Department of Tourism, Kannada and Culture, during a function in Jagannmohan Palace auditorium here last evening.

Speaking on the occasion, Vittalamurthy observed that a touch of modernity and exhilaration would facilitate books on history reach more readers. Books dwelling on history were not just a compilation of records nor dry presentation of information resulting in boredom. They were also not relating events with the times they happened. More readers can be lured to history books if they had a touch of modernity and excitement, Vittalamurthy remarked.

If books on history were written in flat style, they would not interest the readers, however much they may contain abundant facts and figures. In that backdrop, history books written with a different

viewpoint are needed to be brought out, he said.

The work of Vikram Sampath reflected the thoughts of the new generation. It had narrated the enchanting episodes derived from Mysore Dasara, Vittalamurthy observed.

Mysore State was synonymous with the State of Karnataka itself. The State occupied top spot in the sustaining social and cultural values. The publication comprehensively depicts the achievements of the rulers of Mysore through their pro-people programmes, he said.

Recalling the old saying that those who are ignorant about the land's history and disrespectful of the past could not build a nation, Vittalamurthy observed that by studying history, people can come to know about the hundreds of great souls who devoted their entire life for the sake of their motherland.

"Everyone holds the royalty of Mysore in high respect. Many even worship the rulers of the erstwhile State. That is not to be perceived as slavish outlook. It represents an attitude of love to the rulers in a democratic set-up. Vikram's work is a result of hard work based on research. Let it serve as a model to the youth and generate in them a sense of history," Vittalamurthy remarked.

"Mysore is a great city. Let not Mysore lose its image in the midst of the growing influence of IT and BT," Vittalamurthy said eulogising the graceful features of the city.

Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysore Kendra, who also spoke, called for publication of more and more booklets on history and make them available to people at large. Writer P.V. Nanjaraja Urs was present.

A 20-minute documentary on the history of Mysore during the rule of Wadiyars was shown at the start of the function.