

## **India at World Poetry Festival in Venezuela**

India participated in the 10th World Poetry Festival held in Venezuela from 16-22 June, 2013. Mr. Laxmi Shanker Bajpai, noted Hindi Poet, represented India at this prestigious Festival.

On 16 June 2013, H.E. Ms. Smita Purushottam, Ambassador of India, organized a lunch-cum-cultural afternoon at her Residence in the honour of Poet Mr. Laxmi Bajpai. Three Venezuelan musicians belonging to musical group Ozono Jazz, Mr. Emilio Mendoza, Mr. Juan Lizardo and Ms. Marcy Duran, presented their soulful music.

On 21 June, 2013, the Embassy of India and the Indian Association jointly organized an evening get-together with the Indian Community which was held at the Embassy. Poet Mr. Bajpai recited his some of his choicest poems which delighted the members of Indian community who got a rare opportunity to listen to high quality Hindi poetry in Venezuela. H.E. Ms. Smita Purushottam, Ambassador, was also present.





