# EMBASSY OF INDIA
# LUANDA

## BOOK LAUNCH EVENT IN LUANDA
## HINDI TRANSLATION OF BOOK/COMPILATION OF POETIC WORKS OF DR. AUGUSTINHO NETO, FORMER PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA, (1975-79)

**7 November 2019**

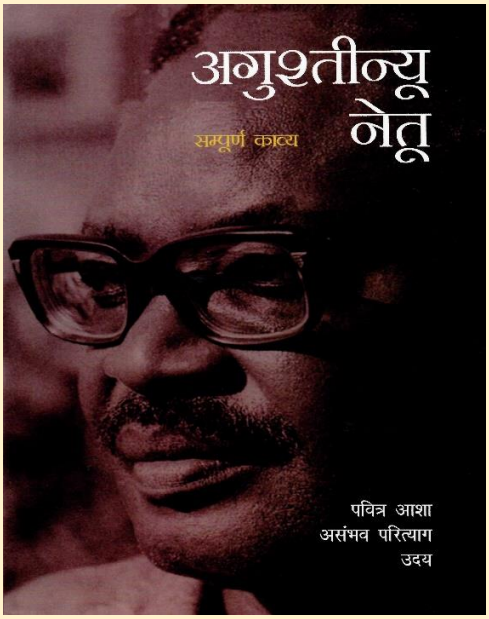
**The Indian Embassy, along with members of the Indian Community and Angola-India Chamber of Industry, participated in a book launch event on 7 November 2019 at the Dr. Augustino Neto Memorial in Luanda - organised by Angola-based Foundation (FAAN) as part of the celebrations of the 44th anniversary of Angola's independence.**

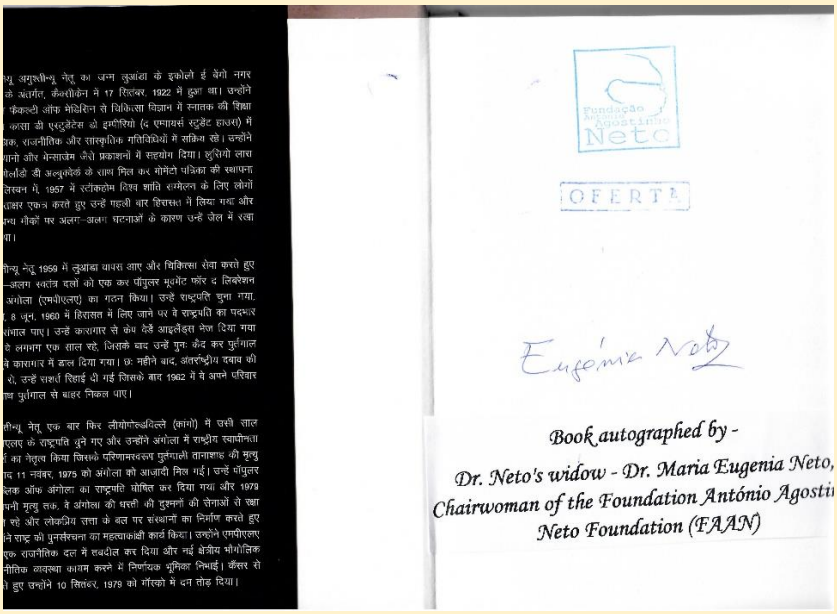
**The book released at the event is a Hindi publication comprising Hindi translation of the complete poetic works of Dr Augustinho Neto, who had led the armed struggle for Angola's liberation from Portuguese colonial rule and eventually took over as the country's first President in Nov 1975.**

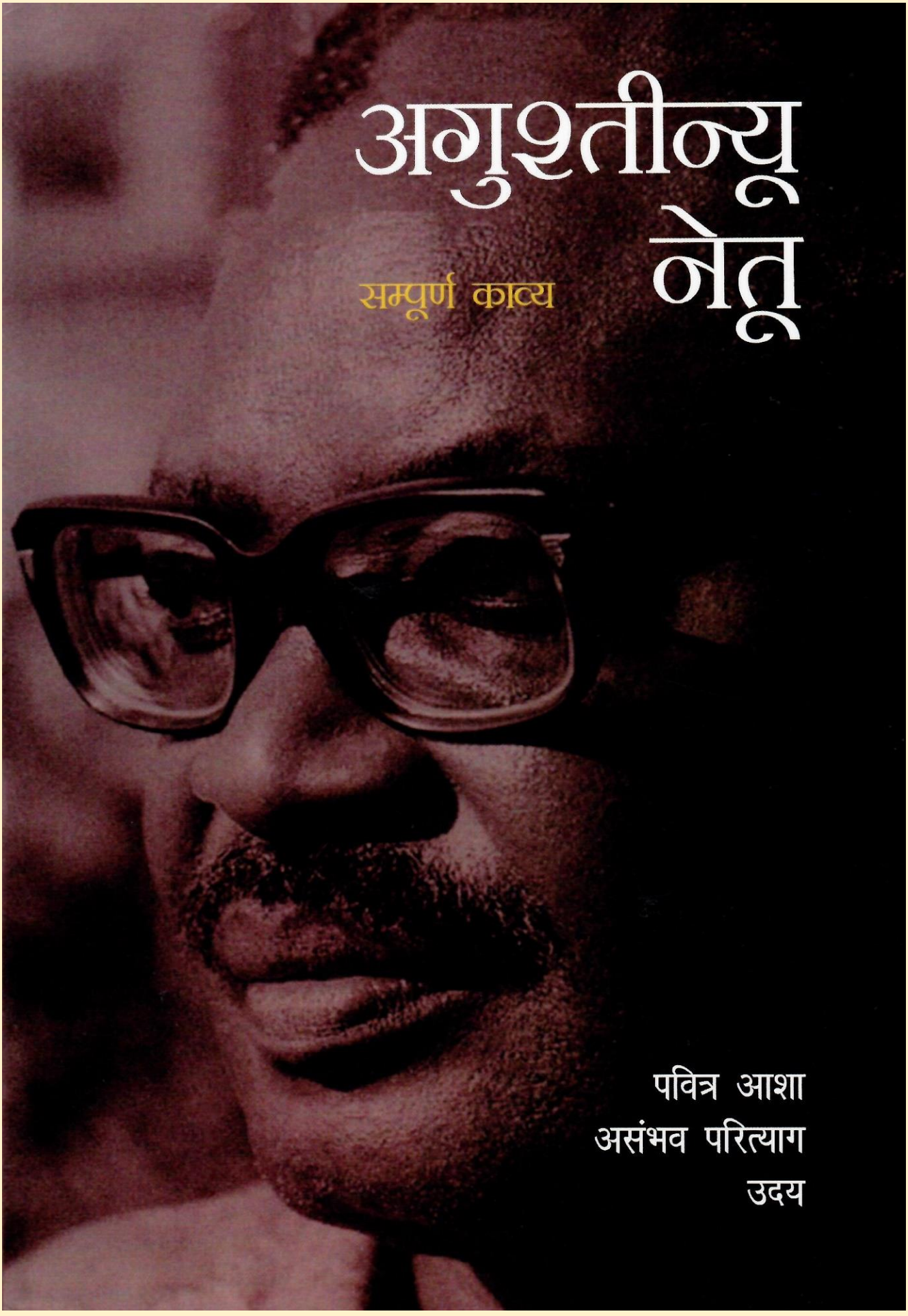
**The book release event was graced by Dr. Neto's widow - Dr. Maria Eugenia Neto, Chairwoman of the Foundation Augustino Neto (FAAN) and daughter - Dr. Irene Alexandra Neto, as well as several dignitaries from the government, academia and cultural organisations.**

**In his address to the gathering, Ambassador Srikumar Menon described Neto as a great cultural icon, intellectual, freedom fighter and hero of Angola. Referring to the Poetry compilation Book, Ambassador said that Dr. Neto's poems highlighted the harsh realities of life in pre-independence Angola - reflecting the pathos, frustrations and aspirations of the large majority of Angolan people, who were striving for freedom and justice during colonial rule.**

**He also acknowledged and appreciated the initiative and hard work put in by the Angolan Ambassador to India - Mr. Manuel Eduardo Bravo in organising the translation of the book through the joint efforts of Ms. Manjulata Sharma, Mr. Anil Samarth, Ms. Marga Holness and Ms. Roopanjali Roy. Extracts of Poems from the Book were read out in Hindi by Mr. Anup Gulati. - member of the Indian Community.**

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