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# Multilingual poets thrill Book Festival

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Eminent poets and writers from various languages captivated the audience with their poetry recitations and storytelling at the 35th Vijayawada Book Festival on Friday. The Southern and Western Poets' Sammelan, organised by the Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with the Vijayawada Book Festival Society, featured poets from Malayalam, Kannada, Gujarati, Sindhi, Ma-

rathi, Tamil, and Konkani.

Participants included Esha Dadawala (Gujarati), Sumit Metro (Kannada), Prakash Dattaram Naik (Konkani), PN Gopikrishnan (Malayalam), Swati Shinde Pawar (Marathi), Harish Karmchandani (Sindhi), and Sanmugam Vimal Kumar (Tamil), who recited their works. Special Chief Secretary (Revenue) R.P. Sisodia, the chief guest, expressed his passion for literature and shared insights into his own writings, including poetry in Hindi.