

# "Telangana Village Voice": Kendra Sahitya Akademi on Annavaram



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Kendra Sahitya Akademi General Council member Prasen hailed poet Annavaram Devender as the enduring voice of Telangana's villages, praising his deep rural roots and literary authenticity during the Kavi Sandhi program held at Karimnagar Film Bhavan on Sunday evening.

"Even though he resides in the city, Annavaram continues to live and write like a true village poet," Prasen said, noting that Devender's poetry and prose resonate with the language and spirit of the Telangana countryside. He commended Annavaram's unwavering commitment to rural idiom and native expression, which earned him early recognition as a "Telangana soil poet."

Prasen highlighted that the Kendra Sahitya Akademi, which previously focused its activities in cities like Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Visakhapatnam, is now expanding to regional cultural centers like Karimnagar, Ma-

habubabad, and Warangal. He explained that Kavi Sandhi in Karimnagar was specially organized to honor Annavaram's contributions as a poet, columnist, and freelance journalist, and to bring literary discussions closer to regional audiences.

The event served not only as a platform to celebrate Annavaram's literary journey but also as a gathering point for prominent poets and storytellers from across the region. Among those who participated were Nalimela Bhaskar, Jukanti Jagannatham, Nagunuri Sekhar, Boddula Lakshmaiah, BVN Swamy, Gajoju Nagabhushanam, Itikyala Ramu, Kalvakuntla Ramakrishna, and many others. Their presence reflected the rich and vibrant literary culture that thrives in Telangana's heartland.

The evening was a tribute to literature grounded in local realities, and Annavaram's presence stood as a symbol of poetic integrity shaped by the voice of the people and the scent of the soil.