

'Annabhau was world-class novelist'

Novelist Vishwas Patil pays tribute to the legendry writer

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A renowned novelist and Sahitya Academy convenor Vishwas Patil paid tribute to the legendary Marathi novelist Sahityaratna Annabhau Sathe, describing him as the sole world-class Marathi novelist. Patil was the chief guest for the inauguration of a seminar titled 'Annabhau Sathe: Person and Literature,' organised by the Sahitya Academy at the Fine and Experimental Arts Complex of Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University (SRTMU) on Wednesday.

Patil, in his address, emphasised that while India boasts many esteemed novel-



Vice-chancellor Dr Udhav Bhosle being felicitated by novelist Vishwas Patil and Arjun Dangle during a seminar, organised at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded on Wednesday.

ists, Annabhau Sathe's stature remains unparalleled, a fact often overlooked by Marathi literary critics. The vice chancellor, Dr Udhav Bhosle presided, while Arjun Dangle was present as the keynote speaker.

Patil further underlined the significant influence of Annabhau Sathe on various literary trends. He noted that the themes of metropolitan literature, feminist literature, Ambedkari literature, and workers' literature all owe

their origins to Sathe's groundbreaking work.

Omprakash Nagar, an official from the academy, welcomed all attendees, while VC Dr Bhosle spoke on the importance of the event.

The valedictory speech was delivered by Datta Bhagat. In the final session, students from the Fine and Experimental Arts Complex were honoured with badges of distinction for their performances at the youth festival.