

AKADEMI CELEBRATES GURUPRASAD MOHANTY BIRTH CENTENARY EVENT

Bhubaneswar: The two-day long birth centenary celebration of eminent Odia poet Guruprasad Mohanty, organised by Sahitya Akademi, was inaugurated here at Buddha Mandir auditorium, Thursday.

The event was inaugurated by award-winning Indian poet Rajendra Kishore Panda, while eminent poet and critic Bhagavan Jaysingh delivered the keynote address. He elaborated, with multiple examples, the basic elements of life philosophy in Guruprasad's poetry.

Akademi Secretary KS Rao, in his introductory speech, narrated the purpose and necessity of observing and celebrating the birth centenary of Guruprasad in Odisha. The inaugural session was chaired by the convener of the Odia advisory board, Gourahari Das, who highlighted the poetic acumen as regards the content, configuration, and style of Guruprasad's poetry and its leverage over contemporary world poetry.

Guruprasad's daughter, Priyadarshini Mohanty, who was the guest of honour on the occasion, hinted upon the poetic vibe that prevailed in the family during her father's journey of poetry. Akademi's Odia advisory board member Pabitra Mohan Kar proposed the vote of thanks.