

# Eastern Regional Poets Meet organised

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GUWAHATI, April 29: On the occasion of the centenary celebration of *Cottonian*, Cotton University, in collaboration with the Sahitya Akademi, organised the Eastern Regional Poets Meet at its premises here today.

A number of poets from different linguistic and ethnic communities took part in the meet along with K Sreenivasarao, secretary, Sahitya Akademi, Madhav Kaushik, president, Sahitya Akademi, Prof Ramesh Chandra Deka, Vice-Chancellor,

Cotton University, Prof Diganta Kumar Das, registrar, Cotton University, Prof Ganesh Chandra Wary, Pro-VC, Cotton University, Diganta Biswa Sarma, convener, Assamese Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, Rajen Toijamba, convener, Eastern Regional Board, Sahitya Akademi, among others.

Madhav Kaushik described the poets as 'unproclaimed ambassadors of humanism' and spoke about the importance of preservation of oral literatures of all languages and dialects.

'K Sreenivasarao gave the

welcome address and described the event as one of the "rarest of rare occasions where the timelessness of poetic literary endeavours is celebrated". He described India as one of the "exotic literary spots in the world" and talked about poets as a sieve and all poetic expression as universal, celebrating the oneness of humanity which also lies at the heart of the ancient dictum *Vasudheva Kutumbakam*," a statement said.

Two books – *Candle March* and *Xuna Radha* – were also released on the occasion.