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### Multilingual Poets' Meet on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, Sahitya Akademi organized a *Multilingual Poets' Meet* at Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi welcomed the participants. He said that all languages have their own cultural identities. He mentioned the Akademi's efforts in protecting various languages and dialects. The Inaugural Address was delivered by eminent Hindi poet, Sri Lecladhar Jagoori. He discussed in detail the role of one's mother language in one's life and the dangers and challenges before the languages. He said that we can't imagine a language without a script, in the absence of which several languages are in the process of extinction and expressed his concern over the same. Sri Rahul Dev, eminent journalist, who was the Guest of honour, expressed his concern over extinction of the languages and said that it was high time we identified the nature of this danger; else it would be difficult to get rid of it. It is the challenge before the writers to recognize this danger and address the problem before it is too late. Sri Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi said that original talent comes out in one's own language. We realized the importance of our languages after the globalization of the world. He concluded saying that the challenge is not only from the English language, but also from those who immensely contribute in its dominance. In the four sessions chaired by Sri Sheen Kaaf Nizam, Dr. Vanita, Dr. Aziz Hajini and Sri Darshan Darshi respectively, eminent poets like Rajeev Barua (Assamese), Adnan Kafeel Darwesh (Hindi), Lalitha Siddabasavaiah (Kannada), Narendra Debbarma (Kokborok), Nadim Shoqia (Kashmiri), Mahendra Kadam (Marathi), Jagdeep Sidhu (Punjabi), Devakanta Ramchiary (Bodo), Bibhas Roy Chowdhury (Bengali), Roshal Bral (Dogri), Mohan Himthani (Sindhi), Mamidi Harikrishna (Telugu) Salim Saleem (Urdu), Amit Shankar Saha (English), Joysing Tokbi (Karbi), Nutan Sakhardende (Konkani), K.V. Ramakrishnan (Malayalam), I. Deven Singh (Manipuri), Surya Mishra (Odia) Arvind Tiwari (Sanskrit), Esha Dadawala (Gujarati), Neelmadhav Choudhary (Maithili), Dipok Doley (Mising), Uttam Kumar Chhetri (Nepali), Roshan Bafna (Rajasthani), Damayanti Beshra (Santali) and Ambaadhavan (Tamil) presented their creative works. The programme was well-attended by the literary lovers of Delhi. Sri Anupam Tiwari, Editor, Sahitya Akademi proposed a vote of thanks.

  
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