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Literary Forum, Featuring poetry readings by Ms Sophia Naz, a California-based eminent poet,

Sahitya Akademi organized a Literary Forum on 27 December 2018 at Rabindra Bhavan, featuring poetry readings by Ms Sophia Naz, a California-based eminent bilingual poet, essayist, author, editor and translator, and Sri Sonnet Mondal, an English poet and Literary Editor. Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, presented the guest-poets with packets of Akademi publications. Ms Naz read out a few of her poems, such as 'Gulmohar'; 'Ode to Amnesia'; 'Question', dedicated to the poet Shahid Ali; 'The Taste of Cyanide', based on the Bhopal gas tragedy; 'Chappan Churi'; and 'Ode to a Scar' from her much acclaimed collections of poetry, *Pointillism* and *Peripheries*. Sri Sonnet Mondal read out from his recently published collection of poems *Karmic Chanting*. Some of the poems he read out were 'The Lost Mango Tree'; 'To Syrian Children', dedicated to the innocents of Syria; 'Granma', dedicated to his grandmother; a one-line poem called 'Why?'; 'Asides'; and 'Locked'.

After the poetry reading session, several questions were asked and insightful observations came to the fore. While the audience requested Ms Sophia Naz to read out a poem from her upcoming book of poems entitled *Zero Period*, Sri Sonnet Mondal was requested to speak at length about the illustrated book of poetry which he co-created with Ms Sukrita Paul Kumar who contributed the illustrations. The event was attended by several well-known literary figures and literary enthusiasts of Delhi.


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