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Mother is the Giver of Life and Mother tongue is the carrier of our culture

To commemorate the International Mother Language Day, Sahitya Akademi organized a Multilingual Poets' Meet' on 21st February, 2018 at Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi. In the inaugural session, Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, welcomed the participants, dignitaries, media personalities and audience. He stated that "Mother tongues are the root of our culture. There was a time where everyone was proud about the mother land and mother tongue; but now-a-days reverse is the case." He further emphasized that in the Indian subcontinent, special emphasis should be given for preservation and protection of the mother tongue in a large scale. He proclaimed that it is our duty to protect our mother tongue. He informed the audience about the activities undertaken by Sahitya Akademi for promotion of recognized as well as unrecognized languages of India. Eminent Dogri Writer, Smt. Padma Sachdev, presenting the inaugural address said that one should first speak the mother tongue as well as specific emphasis should be given for promotion of the national language. The programme was followed by recitation by noted poets, like Jeeban Narah (Assamese), Deva Kanta Ramchiary (Bodo), Harish Meenashru (Gujarati), Anamika (Hindi), Pratibha Nanda Kumar (Kannada), Philomena Samfrancisco (Konkani), Raman Kumar Singh (Maithili), Anitha Thampi (Malayalam), Arambam Memchoubi (Manipuri), Ganesh Vispute (Marathi), Uttam Kumar Kshetri (Nepali), Sujata Chaudhary (Odia), Vanita (Punjabi), Malchand Tiwari (Rajasthani), Ramakant Shukla (Sanskrit), Gobind Chandra Majhi (Santali), Mohan Himthani (Sindhi), Ravi Subramaniyan (Tamil), Yakoob (Telugu) and Tehseen Munawer (Urdu). The programme was coordinated by Sri Anupam Tiwari, Editor, Sahitya Akademi.

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