

## Multi-lingual writers meet begins at Pasighat

**PASIGHAT, Nov 2:** The first-ever 'multi-lingual writers' meet' got underway on Saturday at the Pasighat CHF auditorium amid a considerable turnout of noted scholars, writers, and poets from different parts of India. Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society is organising the two-day meet.

Eminent Assamese writer and noted poet Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi and Pasighat CHF dean Dr. BN Hazarika graced the occasion as chief guest and guest of honour respectively. Padmashri Mamang Dai, vice-president Madhav Kaushik and secretary Dr. K. Sreenivasarao of Sahitya Akademy were also attended the programme.

Kaling Borang (Adi), Saumya Joshi (Gujrati), Nomi Maga Gumro (Hindi),

SV Satyanarayana (Telugu), Ishraqul Islam Mahir (Urdu) and Mahonto Panging Pao presented self-composed poetries on the first day.

In his inaugural address, YD Thongchi extended his gratitude and thanked the Sahitya Akademi for grandly holding the meet in remote Arunachal Pradesh. He said such event gives opportunity to writers from different parts of the country to showcase their writing skills, and advised the young writers to gain literary experience from the two-day event.

Thongchi also said Assamese language was taught in Arunachal Pradesh in the earlier days while informing that Sahitya Akademi had honoured Tagang Taki with "Bhasa Sanman" in 2013 for his Adi-vyakaran in Assamese published in 1957.

He also mentioned the contribution of Pasighat in bringing out eminent writers like Lummer Dai who is considered as one of the greatest writers in the region especially in Assam. Thongchi also mentioned the contributions of Padmashri Mamang Dai and Yumlam Tana in taking the literary scenario of the state a notch higher.

Earlier, guest of honour Prof. Dr. BN Hazarika (who is known for publishing 20 books, 70 research papers and 170 popular articles) expressed hope that the young writers' would give more exposure to Assamese literature at the national level.

Sahitya Akademi vice-president Madhav Kaushik and secretary Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, writer and historian Viswas Patil and pilot turned writer Rtd. Group Captain Mohonto Panging Pao also spoke on the occasion. (DIPRO)