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Press Release Pustakayan - Sahitya Akademi Book Fair - Day-2

Cultural Performances by the artists from CCRT followed by Yuva Sahiti programme The Book Fair will last till 9th December More than 40 publishers and 50 writers/artists will take part

New Delhi, Saturday, 2 December 2023. Sahitya Akademi's second edition of 'Pustakavan', with a participation of more than 40 well-known publishers, will go along with several literary programmes and cultural performances featuring more than 50 writers/artists, up till 9 December 2023, from 10 am to 8 pm every day.

The second day of Pustakayan, included cultural performances at 2.00 pm by young artists from CCRT; Maulik Bansal played Tabla; Utkarsh Jha sung 'Raag Bageshri', 'bhajan' and 'Kajli' in accompaniment with Tabla played by Abhinandan. All these young artists offered a blissful experience to the audience with their captivating performances.

The cultural programme was followed by Yuva Sahiti programme at 3.00 pm, wherein young poets in different Indian languages recited their poetry. Shachindra Arya, eminent Hindi poet, recited his poems - Antaral, Anupasthit, Dhaula Kuan, Pata Puchhne Wale among others. Sanskriti Mishra, eminent Maithili and Hindi poet, sung Sharad and Vasant songs in Maithili and also recited her poem Harsingharak Chah. Gagan Sandhu, renowned Punjabi poet and Sahitya Akademi's Yuva Puraskar Awardee 2022, recited Mein Meri Bachhi Aur Kavita, Nacrophilia, Tumhari Yaad Mein among others. Rishiraj Pathak, eminent Sanskrit poet, recited a few shlokas and the poem Ritu Satram, and Irshad Khan Sikandar, eminent Urdu poet, recited gazhals. The session breathed an air of extreme excitement and cheerfulness among the audience. Sri Anupam Tiwari, Editor (Hindi), Sahitya Akademi, compered both the programmes.

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