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PRESS RELEASE
Dalit ChetanA Programme, 27 September, 2019

The Second Edition of Sahitya Akademi's newly-launched poetry-reading series, "Dalit Chetana", was held at 5 pm, today, with senior dalit Punjabi poet and author Balbir Madhopuri, prominent Odia dalit poet and editor of *Yojana*, the Central government's mouthpiece on rural development, and eminent dalit woman poet. Dr. Rajat Rani Meenu were the participating poets.

Mr. Balbir Madhopuri read his poems in Punjabi, as most of the members of the audience could follow the language. He engaged the audience with his poems that reflected dalit life and situations in his milieu. His poem, "My Colour is my Caste" was very poignant.

Mr. Basudev Sunani began with his famous poem "Hijra" which he read out in original Odia, and supplemented it later with a Hindi translation. He read six more poems, which were sharp in their perceptions of dalit life as observed by him.

Dr. Rajat Rani Meenu read many of her famous poems, describing the condition of the dalit woman. Her distinct poetic voice is so influential as was evident from her fan following applauding her poems from the audience. Her poem, titled "Dalit Poem," was well-appreciated.

Dr. A.J. Thomas, Guest Editor, Indian Literature, conducted the programme, which had a full audience.


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