

## 'Poetry, a powerful medium to create awareness'

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"POETRY is a powerful medium for creating public awareness. It is the essence of culture. Poets should not rely merely on words but seek symbols as they are more eloquent and part of our sensibility," asserted noted versatile poet Dr Vitthal Wagh. He was speaking at a function of 'Dialogue with the writer' organised under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Culture by Sahitya Akademi and Vidarbha Sahitya



The programme 'Dialogue with the writer' in progress.

Sangh, Akola Branch. Senior surgeon and author Dr Nanasahab Chaudhary presided over the programme, while Sahitya Akademi's rep-

resentative Dr Pramod Munghate, Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, Akola branch President Vijay Kausal, Working President Seema Shete-Rothe, Akhil

Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Mahamandal's Dr Gajanan Nare were prominently present on the occasion.

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"Culture thrives on folklore and it is replete with images and symbols, if these are used meaningfully it could add beauty and ethos to poetry," said Dr Wagh.

On the occasion, Dr Vitthal Wagh presented his poems in his own Varhadi style and won applause. His poetry is in harmony with nature, agriculture, politics, society and the life of a common man.

He also shared his experiences during his 'Kavyayatra' taken out from the birthplace of Sant Gadge Baba to the birthplace of great poetess Bahinabai in Jalgaon district.

On the onset, Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Mahamandal member Dr Gajanan Nare informed

about different initiatives taken by Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, Akola branch in propagating literature. Dr Raosaheb Kale introduced Dr Wagh and his poetry, art and rich contribution in preservation of Varhadi dialect. Sahitya Akademi's representative and Prof Dr Pramod Munghate beautifully conducted the programme, while Nilesh Pakdune proposed a vote of thanks.

Senior educationist Pandharinath Mandavgane, Baji Vaze, senior thespian Ashok Dhare, Dr Sahadev Rothe, Vidarbha Sahitya Sangha office-bearers, Umesh Alone, Prof Mahadev Lule and a large number of people attended the programme.

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