

Sahitya Akademi organizes lecture under 'People and Books' series

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REASI, Nov 19: Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized a lecture under 'People and Books' series, at University campus, Katra.

The Series is aimed at giving an opportunity to a personality who is an avid reader. Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Registrar SMVDU spoke on occasion and discussed the Books which influenced him. He also gave feedback about the literature especially Dogri literature, its availability and influence on people.

He said while English and Hindi have been able to address the literary needs of the readers, Dogri literature needs to reorient itself to the changing times including e-books, Kindle editions, Social media and marketing through mar-

keting platforms, e-platforms.

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion on contribution of Sahitya Akademi to Dogri Novels and fiction. The session was



SMVDU officials and Dogri writers during a programme at University campus in Katra.

chaired by eminent Dogri writer Jatinder Udhamपुरi. Vijay Verma, Shivdev Singh Sushil and Dr Sushma Rani also presented their papers. Shivdev Singh Sushil highlighted the Dogri Novel titled 'Dhara te Dhura' by Prof Madan Mohan Sharma.

The two-day conference culminated with a panel discussion on the present status of Dogri Novel with reference to prominent Indian languages. The session was chaired by noted Dogri writer Dhian Singh.

Inderjeet Kesar, Shailender Singh and Nasib Singh Manhas deliberated on the evolution of novels in Dogri literature and its relevance to the changing times. Dr Isha Malhotra (HoD, School of Languages and Literature) and Dr Rakesh Thussu (president BCA) along with scholars of University coordinated the event.