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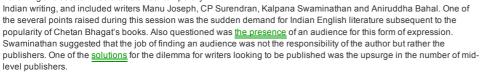
The festival of the loquacious

Saturday, November 13, 2010 By Prathmesh Kher

'Literature Live', Mumbai's first-ever literature festival, kick-started on Friday at Tata theatre, NCPA. A wonderful concoction of poets, novelists, journalists and actors took part in this fest. The day was splintered into five sessions., each focusing on one aspect of literary expression.

The first <u>session</u> took an eye at the resurgence of mythological themes in <u>contemporary</u> Indian literature. Conducting the session were writers Amish Tripathi, Ashwin Sanghi and Santosh Desai. Tripathi, whose The Immortals of Meluha brings an almost Tolkienesque perspective to the story of Shiva, suggested that these themes never go out of fashion.

Following this session was a take on contemporary



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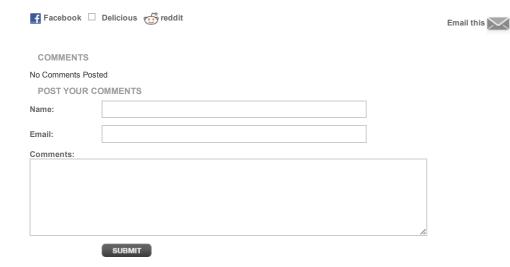
'Life by the throat' was a poetry reading session, with Sunderan, Keki Daruwala and A. Subramanian reciting from their respective works. While Daruwala's recital was mostly political, Sunderan focused more on the intimate emotions. Sunderan stressed that the decrease in English poetry was because of the lack of readership.

The penultimate session was led by journalism stalwarts B.G. Verghese and Kumar Ketkar. The object of attention was Verghese's <u>autobiography</u> First Draft, which takes an insider's look at over five decades of his career in journalism. Verghese illuminated the audience with a tome of information about his days with Indira Gandhi, the <u>Emergency</u> during the seventies and other topics that the book covers extensively.

Bollywood thespian, Anupam Kher, featured in the autobiographical one-man play, Kuchh Bhi Ho Sakta Hai.

The event also gave an opportunity to youngsters attempting to break onto the literary scene. Nether, a collection of poems, short stories and <u>illustrations</u> compiled by Mumbai University students, was an eye grabber for many who visited the fest.

The <u>first day of</u> the <u>first edition</u> of 'Literature Live' seemed to go without a hitch. While the audience wasn't as big as one would expect at a 'festival', one should remember the Claude Raines quote, "Big things have small beginnings."





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