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Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters organized a literary forum at the Akademi premises in New Delhi on 30 October 2018 featuring poetry recitation by a well-known Irish poet, Ms. Bernadette Gallagher. Welcoming the guest poet, the Irish Amabassador to India, His Excellency Mr. Brian McElduff, Sri Keki N. Daruwalla, who chaired the Forum and all the writers and poets, Dr K. Sreenivasarao talked at length about the cultural commonalities between India and Ireland, especially among the traditions of poetry. Ms. Gallagher thanked Sahitya Akademi and Indian Embassy at Dublin for giving her the opportunity to read the poems before Indian poets. She recited some of her poems, *Seeds, Passing Through, From Darkness, On Patrick Street, Rosa, Father to Daughter* and *Resting Place* among others. Ms Gallagher talked briefly about the creative process of writing poetry and observed that poetry has much to do with heart and very little to cerebral process. Echoing the distinguished poet from the bygone era, T.S. Eliot, Ms. Gallagher described her poetry as something which deals with life and death and everything in between. Sri Keki N. Daruwalla observed from the chair that Nature is at the heart of Ms. Gallagher's poetry and the poems recited by her carried compassion on their sleeves and touched the heart deeply. A brief interactive session between the guest poet and the audience ensued. Well-known litterateurs from Delhi such as Prof H.S. Shivaprakash, Sri Manglesh Dabral, Sri Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee, General Bakshi, Sri Prabal Basu and Sri Sudeep Sen graced the occasion. Dr K. Sreenivasarao proposed a vote of thanks.

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