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Sahityotsav, Sahitya Akademi's Annual Festival of Letters, began with the inauguration of Sahitya Akademi Exhibition at the Rabindra Bhavan Lawns in New Delhi on February 15, 2016.

The Exhibition was inaugurated by the distinguished Odia writer and Fellow of Sahitya Akademi, Dr Manoj Das. The inaugural ceremony was attended by the President, Vice President and Secretary of Sahitya Akademi in addition to the members of the Executive Board and General Council of Sahitya Akademi and staff.

The theme and focus of 2016 Festival of Letters is tribal, oral and north-eastern literature. Accordingly, in the afternoon, a Tribal Language Poetry Festival was held with well-known educationist and scholar of tribal literature Prof Mrinal Miri inaugurating the poetry festival. Dr Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President, Dr Chandrasekhar Kamabar, distinguished poet and folklorist and also Vice-President of Sahitya Akademi along with Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary of Sahitya Akademi attended the inaugural session. Seventeen tribal poets from across India participated in the festival and recited their latest composition.

Sahitya Akademi also announced winners of its Translation Prize for the year 2015.

In the evening, a cultural programme featuring Karma Dance, a ritual dance of Odisha was performed.

Sahitya Akademi Awards will be presented tomorrow, 16th February at 5.30 p.m. in the golden jubilee auditorium of FICCI in Mandi House circle. Dr Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President of Sahitya Akademi will present the Awards while Dr Gopi Chand Narang, distinguished Urdu scholar will be the Chief Guest.