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Sahitya Akademi's Festival of Letters 2016 – Day 3

Sahitya Akademi's annual Festival of Letters continued for the third day and the first programme of the day was Yuva Sahiti, a programme devoted to the young writing across India. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, welcomed the dignitaries, young writers from all over the country and other participants. He talked about the value of young people to all civilizations and observed that it is young people who are the drivers of change. He highlighted several programmes, schemes and projects that the Akademi has in place exclusively for the young writers / poets / translators across the country in addition to the Yuva Puraskar. He urged the young writers to utilize these facilities of Sahitya Akademi through any of its branches and benefit. Prof Sukrita Paul Kumar, eminent Indian English poet and critic, delivered the inaugural address and elaborate the process of creative writing for the benefit of young writers. Dr Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President, Sahitya Akademi, talked about value of young writing and urged the youth of the country to take up writing seriously. Noted young poets and writers from all over the country participated in the programme.

The day also witnessed the meeting of Award Winners – Writers' Meet. All the Award Winners shared their experiences, the process of creative writing, approaches to life in general, the place of writing in the society and future of literature etc.

The final programme of the day was Samvatsar Lecture by Dr Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari, distinguished jurist and eminent Gandhi scholar. Dr Dharmadhikari talked at length about the fast vanishing value systems in our societies, the troubled lives of modern, industrialized world and core values of the individuals. Dr Dharmadhikari also pointed out that instead of us using technology, it is technology that is driving us and bringing home many a new illness. Dr Dharmadhikari appealed to all the citizens to take a fresh look at themselves and also urged leaders to instill nationalistic spirit in the minds of country's citizens.

People can view the live webcast of Sahitya Akademi's Festival of Letters by visiting http://sahitya-akademi.gov.in/sahitya-akademi/festival/webcast_2016.jsp