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YUVA PURASKAR 2017

Sahitya Akademi is organizing a three day Young Writers Festival from 22nd-24th December 2017 at Randhawa Auditorium, Punjab Art Council, Rose Garden, Sector 16B, Chandigarh.

On Friday, 22 December 2017, President, Sahitya Akademi, Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari will present the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2017 to 24 awardees in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque and a cheque of Rs. 50,000/- will be presented to the awardees at the special function. The Award ceremony will begin at 4:30 pm with the welcome speech by Dr. K Sreenivasarao, Secretary Sahitya Akademi and presidential address by Sri Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President Sahitya Akademi. Eminent Punjabi Poet, Sri Surjit Patar will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Chandrashekhhar Kambar, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi will also address the gathering which will be followed by cultural performance of Vidyapati's Poems on Spring by Kala Mandali, Delhi.

On Saturday, 23 December 2017 Awardees' Meet will be held at 10.30 am at Randhawa Auditorium, Punjab Art Council, Chandigarh where the award winning authors will speak about their experiences. Prof. Chandrashekhhar Kambar, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi will preside the session.

In the afternoon 2:30 pm a two day "All India Young Writers' Festival" will be inaugurated. Prof. Rawail Singh, Member General Council, Sahitya Akademi, Convener, will give Introductory Speech. Dr. K. Sreenivasa Rao, Secretary Sahitya Akademi will welcome the guest followed by Presidential Address by Sri Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President Sahitya Akademi and an address by the guest of honour Sri Gulzar Singh Sandhu, eminent Punjabi Scholar which will be followed by poetry readings by poets from various Indian Languages: Kishore Manjit Bora (Assamese), Ajit Basumatary (Bodo), Monika Kumar (Hindi), Rameshor Singh (Manipuri), Ritupriya (Rajasthani), Jagdeep (Punjabi) and Adil Raza Mansoori (Urdu). Prof. Chandrashekhhar Kambar will conclude the session with his remarks.

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On Saturday, 24 December 2017 there will be four sessions. At 10 am the first session will be chaired by Chander Trikha and the poetry readings will be presented by Promita Bhowmik (Bengali), Devendra Thakur (Dogri), Sathyamangala Mahadeva (Kannada), Dattaraj Naik (Konkani), Rashmi Rupam (Maithili) and N. Sabarinathan (Tamil).

The second session on "Why Do I Write" will begin at 11.45 am. It will be chaired by Rana Nayar and the papers will be presented by Rajeev Kumar (Hindi), Sreejith Perumthachan (Malayalam) and Gurpreet Singh Ratol (Punjabi) followed by lunch.

The third session will start at 2:00 pm will be chaired by Manmohan dedicated to Story Reading which will be presented by Samhita Arni (English), Pooja Tatsat (Gujarati), Manoj Pandey (Hindi), Dheeba Nazir (Kashmiri) and Agazbir (Punjabi).

The fourth and the concluding session at 4:00 pm will have Poets Meet and will be chaired by Madhav Kaushik and the readings will be presented by Nitin Bharat Wagh (Marathi), Honok Thapa (Nepali), Pratiksha Jena (Odia), Kaushal Tiwari (Sanskrit), Ganesh Marandi (Santali), Jayesh Sharma (Sindhi) and Payala Murali Krishna (Telugu).

You are requested to kindly spare your valuable time to attend and depute your correspondent /cameraman to cover the event.


(K. Sreenivasarao)