



SAHITYA AKADEMI

Festival of Letters

March 10, 2015

Press Release

Festival of Letters continued at Rabindra Bhawan Lawns on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. The day started with the Writers' Meet in the morning. Twenty Sahitya Akademi Award 2014 winners read out their papers on various aspects of creative writing and also shared their experiences as writers and one Award winner sent a paper though he could not be present.

Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, welcomed the award winners and observed that writers' meet of this type have been envisaged to enable the young writers to interact freely with the established ones and in the process learn from them. He invited Dr Chandrasekhar Kambar, Vice President, Sahitya Akademi, to chair the session. Dr Kambar spoke briefly about the awards, writing process and leading a creative life before inviting the Award winners to present their papers.

20 Award winning writers talked about their journey as creative writers, the process of creative writing and the role of writers in the society. Dr Chandrasekhar Kambar, summed up all the papers and congratulated the Award winners.

In the afternoon, select Award winners interacted with the media persons at the Rabindra Bhawan Lawns. The open house witnessed lively interactions between the writers and media and public. Variety of interesting subjects were discussed during the session such as 'Censorship and the role of the writer in the society,' 'Political power and writing,' 'Role of literature and impact of writing on society,' 'Status of

literature in south India,' 'Why do writers fear in writing openly?,' 'Should realistic depictions be adopted across the genres and styles of writing to avoid misinterpretations and misunderstandings?' and 'How to protect the readers from mischievous publishers and cunning writers?' and much more. Award winning writers' responses ranged from personal experiences, well known case citations and possible theoretical and logical arguments. Sri Dinesh Mishra coordinated the lively session.

In the evening, renowned Critic, Social Theorist and Political Psychologist, Dr Ashis Nandy, delivered annual Samvatsar lecture on 'Do we protect cultural diversity or cultural diversity protects us?' Dr Nandy talked at length about various factors affecting cultural diversity and societies.

Programmes - March 11, 2015

10.00 am:

Face to Face at Meghdoot Theatre III

10.45 am:

Yuva Sahiti: Young Writers' Meet at Rabindra Bhawan Lawns

6.00 pm:

Cultural Programme: Classical

Bharatanatayam at Meghdoot Open Air Theatre