



SAHITYAAKADEMI

Festival of Letters

March 12, 2015

Press Release

Festival of Letters 2015 continued for the fourth day at RabindraBhawan complex on March 12, 2015. Day four started with the **Symposium on ‘Unwritten Languages.’** Distinguished linguists and scholars such as Prof. UdayaNarayana Singh, Prof AnvitaAbbi, Prof Awadhesh Kumar Singh, Prof Ayesha Kidwai, Prof UmaraniPappuswamy, Prof KavitaRastogi, Prof B.N. Patnaik, Prof B.R.K. Reddy, Prof Mahendra Mishra, Prof IntiazHasnain, Prof Farooq Ahmad Mir and Prof PradipPrabhu participated in the symposium. These eminent linguists discussed and debated across two sessions focusing on **“Challenges of scripting the unwritten languages”** and **“A World of Myths and Tales.”**

The day also witness kick starting of an event that has become an integral part of Festival of Letters, a three day National Seminar, at the SahityaAkademi auditorium. The theme and concept for this year’s seminar was **‘The Region and the Nation in Indian Fiction.’** Many distinguished writers and scholars from all over India such as Sri KiranNagarkar, distinguished bilingual writer and playwright, Prof NeeraChandoke, eminent writer and academician, Prof Gopi Chand Narang, Sri FarooqFayaz, Sri NandBhardwaj, Dr RadhavallabhTripathi, Prof AlokBhalla, Dr Kavita Sharma, Dr IpshitaChanda and Dr Sachin Ketkar participated on Day 1. Two sessions of the day were devoted to **“Region**

and Fiction in North Indian Fiction” and **“Region and Nation in Indian English Fiction.”**

In the evening the **Foundation Day Lecture** was delivered by **Prof S.L. Bhyrappa**, renowned Kannada writer and scholar. Delivering his lecture, Prof Bhyrappa gave an overview of the climate that prevailed in India in the past sixty years, especially what creative writers in native languages of India underwent. He presented a neat and detailed analysis of the status of country’s intelligentsia from pre-independence to post-independence to economic liberalization perios and how the vocal intelligentsia has not reconciled itself to the inevitable economic change.

Programmes - March 13, 2015

10.00 am:

National Seminar on *The Region and The Nation in Indian Fiction*,
at Akademi Auditorium

10.30 am:

Purvottari: North-East & Northern Writers’ Meet, at RabindraBhawan Lawns

6.30 pm:

Rajasthani Folk Singing, at Meghdhoot Complex