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**PRESS RELEASE**


***Meet the Author* programme with Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash  
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Under "Meet the Author" series - one of its most prestigious programmes, Sahitya Akademi organized a *Meet the Author* programme with Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash, Eminent Poet & Playwright in Kannada & English, at 5.00 p.m. today in its Auditorium at the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi.

With more than 14 books of poems in Kannada, Shivaprakash has gone on extending the territories of Kannada Poetry by experimenting ever new themes and forms. Sometimes, lyrical, sometimes dramatic, sometimes philosophical it always surprises the readers with indefatigable capacity to surprise. For Shivaprakash, every book is a leap into the unknown. In the last decade and a half, he has become a bilingual poet writing simultaneously in English and Kannada. Like in poetry, Shivaprakash has continued to be a non-stop voyager in the field of drama and for over the last four decades, he has been a voracious translator.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shivaprakash talked about his creative journey and also recited some of his poems in Kannada and English beginning with 'Milarepa' from his maiden book of poems with the same title. He said his poetry has undergone several changes in the last more than forty years. When I started writing poetry, it was a kind of *swant sukhaya* and my earliest poems have been dramatic monologues, he added. Some of the other poems, he recited during the programme were - 'The Child at the Food Stall', 'If you had not been there', 'Three Blind Men' and 'When My Guru left the world'. In response to various questions asked by the audience, he explained in detail about his poetry, his inspiration for writing and his translations at the end of the programme.

Dr K. Sreenivasarao welcomed Prof. Shivaprakash with a packet of books and angvastram and also briefly introduced him in the beginning of the programme. Several eminent writers including Malashri Lal, Amarendra Khatua, Paramita Satpathy, Jyotish Joshi, Nirmalkanti Bhattacharjee, A. Krishna Rao, Mohan Himthani, Yashodhara Mishra were present on the occasion.

  
(K. Sreenivasarao)