



Press Release

Indo-Mexican Writers' Meet (11 November 2019)

Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Embassy of Mexico in India organized today a programme, *Indo-Mexican Writers' Meet* in its Conference Hall at 3rd Floor. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi delivered the Welcome Address. He said that the cultures of both the countries are very ancient and the two countries have long association and fruitful relationship. He said that we can establish a dialogue only through mutual translation in the languages of one another's country and this has also been reflected in the literatures of India and Mexico. Prof. S.P. Ganguly spoke on the topic *Literary Translations : Bridging the Cultures*. While informing about the ancient tradition of translation in the languages of the two countries, he said that in India the activity of translation is a little different from the western countries as there are more than one thousand languages in India. He also talked about the Bengali translation of the poems of Sesar Vyakhyo, published by the Sahitya Akademi.

H.E. Mr. Federico Salas Lotfe, Hon'ble Ambassador of Mexico in India was the Guest of Honour. He said that in continuation of the deliberations of this programme, we will decide on the future activities between the two countries. While speaking on Mexico, he said that the country has sixty four languages and all these indigenous languages are facing challenges for their very existence. He underlined the importance of maintaining, promoting and encouraging these indigenous languages and said we must keep all the languages alive because each language is a reflection of a culture. This was followed by poetry recitation by the three poets from Mexico - Ms. Nadia Lopez Garcia, Mr. Cosme Alvarez and Mr. Guillermo Chavez Conejo. And from Indian side, eminent Malayalam poet and scholar in English, Prof. K. Satchidanandan and Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puruskar awardee, Dr. Subhro Bandopadhyay presented their poems. Some of the other eminent writers based in Delhi, namely, Dr. Satyavrat Sastri, Sri Manglesh Dabral, Dr. Savita Singh, Sri Suresh Rituparna, Sri Yuyutsu, Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar and Dr. Chandra Mohan were also present in the programme.

Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi formally welcomed all the guest speakers audience present, at the start of the programme. He also felicitated the invited guests with ang-vastram and a packet of Akademi publication. The programme was well-attended by the literary lovers of Delhi.

(K. Sreenivasarao)