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Festival of Letters of Sahitya Akademi from 12 March to 14 March 2021

Inauguration of Akademi Exhibition and Samvatsar Lecture

As a part of its Festival of Letters held every year, this year Sahitya Akademi's Festival began with an 'Akademi Exhibition' showcasing activities and programmes organized by the Akademi during 2020. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Dr Chandrashekhar Kambar, President of the Akademi. Before the formal inauguration, Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, in his welcome address informed about the significant activities and programmes organized by Akademi. He said that despite the outbreak of Corona Epidemic in the country, the Akademi organized 540 virtual programmes under its Weblite Literature Series and these programmes were seen by around 2 lakhs people on You Tube, 7 lakhs on Facebook and thousands on Twitter. The Akademi also brought out as many as 235 new publications during the year. English, Hindi and Bengali publications of the Letters of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose have also been shown in the Exhibition. Besides this, the Akademi had also organized International Poetry Day, International Mother Tongue Day and a special programme to commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Sri Madhav Kaushik, Vice President of the Akademi was also present on the occasion.

At 6'O Clock in the evening, Sri Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, eminent Hindi poet, critic and former President of Sahitya Akademi, delivered the prestigious Samvatsar Lecture on '*Kavita Aur Srijnatmak Sahitya Ka Sva-Bhav*'. He said that language itself is a magic of man's creativity. The most valuable thing that the author can give, is his meaningful words. The poet has a unique vision. He also listens as the God listens. After he delivered his formal lecture, the same were released in a book form specially brought out on this occasion by Dr Chandrashekhar Kambar. He said that Sri Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari is a poet not only in Hindi but of all Indian languages. Dr Kambar also said that in his tenure as President, Sahitya Akademi, Sri Tiwari provided a big platform through the Sahitya Akademi for the promotion of all Indian languages.


(K. Sreenivasarao)