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Literary Forum - Lecture by Mr. Mindaugas Kvietkauskas  
on  
Multilingual and Multicultural City and Cultural/Historical Memories

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 21 May 2024,** Sahitya Akademi organized a Literary Forum programme at 5.30 p.m. today at its Third Floor Auditorium, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi in which Mr. Mindaugas Kvietkauskas, Dean Faculty of Philology, Dean, Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University & former Minister of Culture of Lithuania who is currently on a visit to India, with a packet of books and *angvastram*. He also felicitated H.E. Ms. Daina Mickeviciene, Ambassador of Lithuania to India who accompanied Mr. Kvietkauskas and graced the occasion with her august presence.

At the outset, Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi in his brief welcome speech said that the aim, the end, the goal of all human aspirations may be unity or oneness but the nature of life on earth, human societies and Cosmos itself is based on multiplicity. Discussing the topic of this Forum, he said Vilnius has always been multicultural by nature. The city has not only been part of the history of Lithuania but also many histories of other societies. For that matter, Lithuania too has been part of many cultures as it is in the interjection of several societies. He went on to add that Vilnius is the perfect example of how multiculturalism leads to vibrant communities in Europe.

Mr. Kvietkauskas while delivering his lecture on Multilingual and Multicultural City and Cultural/Historical Memories touched upon various cultures, particularly Lithuanian followed by Latin, Polish, German, Roman and Jewish culture which connects different literatures and cultures. While explaining in detail about the four major Lithuanian writers, he said that the literary groups run by them created a multilingual and multi-cultural environment in Vilnius. He discussed the topic of his lecture through a power point presentation.

The programme ended with a question answer session. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao thanked the audience for attending this programme and making it a big success. Several eminent writers, scholars and literary lovers were present on the occasion.

  
(K. Sreenivasarao)