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New Delhi 6 March 2022; Sahityaotsav, the Festival of Letters 2022 by Sahitya Akademi is being organized this year on 10-15 March. To mark the occasion of 75 years of India's independence, the Festival will celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. About 225 writers and scholars representing different Indian languages from across the country will participate in various programmes of the Festival.

The festival will open with Akademi Exhibition, showcasing activities carried out by the Akademi during the last year. This will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, on March 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. on the Rabindra Bhavan Lawns, New Delhi.

On the same day, the Young Writers' Meet titled the "Rise of Young India" will also take place at 10.30 am and the inaugural speech will be given by Sri Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi, General Council Member of Sahitya Akademi. A panel discussion titled Publishing in Indian Languages will be held on the same day at 2:30 PM. The session will be chaired by the eminent Marathi writer, Sri Ranganath Pathare.

The highlight of the festival is the Ceremony of the presentation of Sahitya Akademi Award 2021, at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi on 11 March at 5.00 pm. Prof. Bhalchandra Nemade, eminent Marathi writer, poet and critic & Fellow, Sahitya Akademi will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. The award-winners in all the 24 Indian languages will share their writing experiences with the media at 10.30 am. The Tribal Writers' Meet will also be held on the same day at 10.00 am and the inaugural lecture will be delivered by Sri Akhon Asgar Ali, eminent poet of Balti language.

On 12 March, Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 winning writers will share their experiences with the audience. On this day, award-winning distinguished writers in Assamese, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu languages will interact with eminent litterateurs/scholars at the Face-to-Face programme. A symposium on Evolution of Play in India since 1947 will be organized on the same day. Sri Bhanu Bharti, eminent theatre personality will deliver the inaugural address. The Symposium will be presided over by Dr. Chandrashekhhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi. (Contd...)

The prestigious Samvatsar lecture will be delivered by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, eminent writer in English.

The theme of the national seminar is on the 'Impact of literature on the Indian freedom Struggle' and the inaugural speech will be given by Sri Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, eminent Hindi poet and Fellow, Sahitya Akademi. Prof. Harish Trivedi, eminent scholar, critic and translator, will deliver the keynote address. Around 50 authors/scholars from across the country will participate in the seminar, which will begin on at 10.30 am. March 13.

Other events of the Festival include Purvottari (North-Eastern and Northern Writers' Meet), Symposium on Fantasy and Science Fiction in Indian Languages since 1947, panel discussion on Media and Literature and Symposium on Literature and Women Empowerment programmes will also be the main attractions.

Like the previous years, a Transgender Poets' Meet will be held on 14 March at 2.30 pm on the Rabindra Bhavan Lawns. Around 14 transgender poets have been invited from across the country to take part in this event. Dr. Vinod Joshi, eminent Gujarati poet and critic, will grace the occasion as Chief Guest.

The Akademi's book exhibition will be held from 10 am to 7 pm and the books will be available for sale at a special discount of 20 percent.

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