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Literary Exchange with Dr. Haval Abubaker, Governor of Sulaimaniah, Iraq
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On the occasion of the visit of Dr. Haval Abubaker, Governor of Sulaimaniah in Kurdistan autonomous region, Iraq, Sahitya Akademi organized a Literary Interaction programme at 5.30 p.m. today at Akademi's Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi in which the visiting writers from Iraq participated and interacted with the Delhi based eminent writers. Dr. Abubaker attended the programme with his companion, Mr. Shamal Abubaker Hussein. They visited India under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations distinguished Visitors Programme (DAV).

At the outset, Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi welcomed Dr. Abubaker with the angvastram and a packet of Sahitya Akademi publications. In his welcome speech, he said that Iraqi literature is very ancient and has produced many masterpieces worth translating. Mr. Abubaker said that its a great honour and privilege to be a part of this august gathering. He said this is a very critical time that the world passes through right now. The whole of the world has been affected by the menace of Covid-19 pandemic, corruption and the danger of third world war is looming large but still hoped that the life has not stopped. He said that the art and culture has emerged as safeguards of humanity. He informed that he is working on 25 projects of research. He talked about commerce, industry and culture in his country and also the rising role of women in these fields. Our medical field is open for Indians and there are a good number of Indian specialist in almost every field. The people of Iraq love Indian art and culture. While talking about his country, he also mentioned about the archaeological sites that belong to Indian people in Iraq. Mr. Bindeshwar Pathak, the founder of Sulab International also felicitated Mr. Abubaker. Many noted writers attended the programme which included Prof. Indra Nath Choudhuri, Abhai maurya, Divik ramesh, Suresh rituparna, Somadatt sharma, Om nishchal, Mahesh darpan, Alpana mishra, Jyotish joshi and Deepti tripathy. Sri Krishna Kimbahune, Deputy Secretary, Sahitya Akademi conducted the programme and also thanked the audience for attending this programme and making it a big success.


(K. Sreenivasarao)