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Cultural Exchange Programme

**Luic Garcia Montero, eminent Spanish poet and critic recites his poems
Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. 07 July 2022**

Sahitya Akademi organized a Cultural Exchange Programme featuring a poetry reading by Prof Luis Garcia Montero, eminent poet, critic, Professor of Spanish Literature and Director General, Instituto Cervantes, Madrid at the Akademi premises in New Delhi on 7 July 2022.

Dr. K. Srinivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi welcoming Prof. Luis Garcia Montero, said that Prof Luis Garcia Montero belongs to the generation of the eighties within the literary current called "poetry of experience." Unique features of his poems are historical-biographical narratives of his poems, of an almost theatrical or novelistic structure with a character or protagonist who tells or lives his story through memory, recollection or desire. He also highlighted Akademi's Cultural Exchange Programmes and their importance.

Prof. Luis Garcia Montero in his introductory speech referred the *Don Quixote*, a Spanish classic by Miguel de Cervantes, and discussed its characters relating them the theme of his poetry, which reflect the realities of today's society. He also recited three poems in Spanish, of which translations in English and Bangla were read out. After his recitation a live interaction with the presented writer and scholar was followed. Answering one of the questions he said that we should communicate and respect Nature. He further said that his motive is to reach the common man through his poems.

Dr. B.P. Singh, former Governor of Sikkim, writer and thinker, on behalf of Sahitya Akademi, felicitated Prof. Luis Garcia Montero. Dr. Singh also shared his experiences with the culture and rituals of Bhutia and Lepcha the two main tribes of Himalaya region and correlate them with the Luis Garcia 's poetry, when he was Governor of Sikkim.

Mr. Jose Maria Ridno, Ambassador of Spain, Prof. Oscar Pujol, Professor S.P. Ganguly, Diplomats from various Latin American country embassies and distinguished Indian writers such as Sri Bindeshwar Pathak, Sri Sudeep Sen, Sri Girdhar Rathi, Smt. Mamta Kalia, Sri Abhay Maurya, Prof G.J.V. Prasad, Smt. Mandira Ghosh, Prof Roomy Naqvy, Sri Mohan Himtani, Ms Akanksha Pare Kashiv, Sri Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Smt. Suman Keshri, Sri Amarendra Khatua, Sri Pranav Khullar along with scores of literature lovers attended the programme.

K. Sreenivasarao