

**Sahitya Akademi**  
and  
**Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL)**  
cordially invite you to our  
**South Asian Online Literary Conference**  
on **6-9 October, 2021**

**The programme is according to the Indian Standard Time (IST).  
Please adjust your time accordingly.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

**10.00 am - 12.30 pm**

Welcome	K. Sreenivasarao Secretary, Sahitya Akademi	Topic: INAUGURAL SESSION: South Asian Online Literary Conference on 6 October 2021 Time: Oct 6, 2021 10:00 AM
Presidential Address	Ajeet Cour President, FOSWAL	
Chief Guest	Chandrashekhar Kambar President, Sahitya Akademi	
Guests of Honour	Mohammed Nurul Huda, Bangladesh Kunzang Choden, Bhutan Akhtarul Wasey, India Najib Manalai, Afghanistan Keshab Sigdel, Nepal Kanchana Priyakantha, Sri Lanka Ibrahim Waheed, Maldives	
Concluding Remarks	Madhav Kaushik Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi	
<b>Host: Secretary, SA</b>		

<b>First Session: 12.45 pm - 2.00 pm Poetry Session (7 minutes each)</b>		
Chair:	Prof. Abhi Subedi (Nepal)	Topic: First Session: Poetry Readings on 6 October 2021 Time: Oct 6, 2021 12:45 PM
Readings	Arun Kamal (India) Aishath Husain Manik (Maldives) Shamsulhaq Hairan (Afghanistan) Chador Wangmo (Bhutan) Balbir Madhopuri (India) Ranjana Niraula (Nepal) Nisansala Dharmasena Bertholameuze (Sri Lanka) Hamid Stanikzai (Afghanistan) Kamrul Hassan (Bangladesh) Sarita Bhattarai (Nepal) Abhi Subedi (Nepal)	
<b>Host: DS(K)</b>		
<b>Second Session: 2.10 pm - 2.45 pm PANEL DISCUSSION: "Unfinished Autobiography by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: Re-visiting History" (10 minutes each)</b>		
Panelists from Bangladesh	Mofidul Hoque Fakrul Alam Kamal Chowdhary	Topic: Second Session: Panel Discussion on 6 October 2021 Time: Oct 6, 2021 02:10 PM
<b>Host: RS(ROK)</b>		
<b>Third Session: 3.00 pm –3.35 pm; Fiction Session (11 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Kamala Wijeratne (Sri Lanka)	Topic: Third Session: Fiction on 6 October 2021 Time: Oct 6, 2021 03:00 PM
Speakers	Najibullah Azad (Afghanistan) Illya Bhattarai (Nepal) Kamala Wijeratne (Sri Lanka)	
<b>Host: AE(J)</b>		
<b>Fourth Session: 3.45 pm –4.15 pm; Paper Presentation (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Shafi Shauq	Topic: Fourth Session: Paper Presentation on 6 October 2021 Time: Oct 6, 2021 03:45 PM
Papers	Mahinda Dalupotha (Sri Lanka) <i>My Life and Writing Journey</i> Mr. Subhro Bandopadhyay (India) <i>My Times My Writings</i> Shafi Shauq (India) <i>My Way of Writing Poetry and Short Fiction</i>	

<b>Host: EH</b>		
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021</b>		
<b>Fifth Session: 10.00 am – 11.15 am; Poetry Session (7 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Md. Nurul Huda (Bangladesh)	Topic: Fifth Session: Poetry Readings on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 10:00 AM
Readings	Bimal Guha (Bangladesh) Pushpa Raj Acharya (Nepal) Jiwan Namdung (India) Geeta Tripathi (Nepal) Nandini Sidha Reddy (India) Arman Atal (Afghanistan) Sushri Sangita Mishra (India) Sravani Biswas (India) Sofiul Azam (Bangladesh) Govinda Giri Prerna (Nepal) Md. Nurul Huda (Bangladesh)	
<b>Host: DS(N)</b>		
<b>Sixth Session: 11.30 am–12.15 pm; Fiction Session (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Mamang Dai (India)	Topic: Sixth Session: Fiction on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 11:30 AM  J
Speakers	Rezwanullah Obrang (Afghanistan) Rangnath Pathare (India) Sharkar Abdul Mannan (Bangladesh) Mamang Dai (India)	
<b>Host: DS(K)</b>		
<b>Seventh Session: 12.25 pm–1.00 pm Paper presentation (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Renuka Singh (India)	Topic: Seventh Session: Paper presentation on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 12:25 PM
Papers	Januka Edirimanna Mohotti (Sri Lanka) <i>My Times My Writings</i> Dasho Dorji Dradhul (Bhutan) <i>Will Talk about his book</i> Renuka Singh (India) <i>Will read from her favourite book</i>	

<b>Host: RS(ROK)</b>		
<b>Eighth Session: 1.10 pm–2.00 pm Interviews and Conversations (15 minutes each)</b>		
Participants	Maryam Thasannum Waheed in conversation with Ibrahim Waheed (Maldives) Kanchana Priyakantha in conversation with Sunil Wijesiriwardhena (Sri Lanka) Karma Cheki in conversation with Rinzin Rinzin (Bhutan)	Topic: Eighth Session: Interviews and Conversations on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 01:10 PM
<b>Host: EH</b>		
<b>Ninth Session: 2.10 pm–3.25 pm Poetry Session (7 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Hampa Nagarajaiah (India)	Topic: Ninth Session: Poetry Session on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 02:10 PM
Readings	Asad Mannan (Bangladesh) A.J. Thomas (India) Thinley Tobgay (Bhutan) Ibrahim Waheed (Maldives) Ram Dayal Rakesh (Nepal) Abhiraja Rajendra Mishra (India) Leeladhar Mandloi (India) Dastgir Farhood (Afghanistan) Jyoti Jungle (Nepal) Bipasha Binte Haque (Bangladesh) Hampa Nagarajaiah (India)	
<b>Host: AE(J)</b>		
<b>Tenth Session: 3.35 pm–4.15 pm Fiction Session (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Selina Hossain (Bangladesh)	Topic: Tenth Session: Fiction on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 03:35 PM
Readings	Ghulam Hazrat Nabipour (Afghanistan) Jharna Rahman (Bangladesh) Varsha Adalja (India) Selina Hossain (Bangladesh)	
<b>Host: RS(ROK)</b>		
<b>Eleventh Session: 4.25 pm–5.00 pm</b>		

<b>Paper Presentation (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Alok Bhalla (India)	Topic: Eleventh Session: Paper Presentation on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 04:25 PM
Papers	Chiranjiv Singh (India) Syeda S. Hameed (India) <i>Humanism: Culture, Emotions and Literature</i> Alok Bhalla (India) <i>Will talk about Kunwar Narain and will recite his poems</i>	
<b>Host: Chennai</b>		
<b>Twelfth Session: 5.10 pm–5.40 pm</b>		
<b>Interviews and Conversations (15 minutes each)</b>		
Participants	Vanlallawmkimi in conversation with Kunzang Choden (Bhutan) Fayeza Hasanat in conversation with Manzoorul Islam (Bangladesh)	Topic: Twelfth Session: Interviews and Conversations on 7 October 2021 Time: Oct 7, 2021 05:10 PM
<b>Host: DS(N)</b>		
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021</b>		
<b>Thirteenth Session: 10.00 am – 11.10 am; Poetry Session (7 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Kaiser Haq (Bangladesh)	Topic: Thirteenth Session: Poetry Readings on 8 October 2021 Time: Oct 8, 2021 10:00 AM
Readings	Bhisma Upreti (Nepal) Deo Prasad Choudhary (India) Anisul Hoque (Bangladesh) A. Krishna Rao (India) Nimesh Nikhil (Nepal) Obayed Akash (Bangladesh) Beena Theeng (Nepal) Sukhwinder Amrit (India) Harish Chand Adhikari (Nepal) Damodar Pudasainee (Nepal) Kaiser Haq (Bangladesh)	
<b>Host: EH</b>		
<b>Fourteenth Session: 11.20 pm–12.00 noon; Fiction Session (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Najib Manalai (Afghanistan)	Topic: Fourteenth Session: Fiction on 8 October 2021 Time: Oct 8, 2021 11:20 AM

Readings	Sanjeeda Hossain (Bangladesh) Zarghona Sayqin (Afghanistan) Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi (India) Najib Manalai (Afghanistan)	J
<b>Host: AE(J)</b>		
<b>Fifteenth Session: 12.10 pm–12.40 pm; Paper presentation (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Suresh Goel (India)	Topic: Fifteenth Session: Paper presentation on 8 October 2021 Time: Oct 8, 2021 12:10 PM
Papers	Ramji Timalisina (Nepal) <i>Nepali Transnational Life and Literature in South Asia</i> Mohan Himthani (India) <i>Contemporary Sindhi Kavita</i> Suresh Goel (India) <i>Pluralism</i>	
<b>Host: Chennai</b>		
<b>Sixteenth Session: 12.50 pm–1.50 pm Interviews and Conversations (15 minutes each)</b>		
Participants	Ashraf Jewel in conversation with Md. Nurul Huda (Bangladesh) Sneh Sayami in conversation with Bhisma Uprety (Nepal) Mojibrahman Faqiri in conversation with Gulagha Ahmadi (Afghanistan)	Topic: Sixteenth Session: Interviews and Conversations on 8 October 2021 Time: Oct 8, 2021 12:50 PM
<b>Host: DS(K)</b>		
<b>Seventeenth Session: 2.00 pm–3.15 pm Poetry Session (7 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Rinzin Rinzin (Bhutan)	Topic: Seventeenth Session: Poetry Readings on 8 October 2021 Time: Oct 8, 2021 02:00 PM
Readings	Najibullah Azad (Afghanistan) Rubana Huq (Bangladesh) Shefalika Verma (India) M.P. Thameera Manju (Sri Lanka) Vanita (India) Gulagha Ahmadi (Afghanistan) Shyamsunder Sikder (Bangladesh) Lakshmi Kannan (India) Manju Kanchuli (Nepal) Ibrahim Waheed (Maldives)	

	Rinzin Rinzin (Bhutan)	
<b>Host: DS(N)</b>		
<b>Eighteenth Session: 3.25 pm – 4.00 pm Fiction Session (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Ramendu Majumdar (Bangladesh)	Topic: Eighteenth Session: Fiction on 8 October 2021 Time: Oct 8, 2021 03:25 PM
Readings	Anwar Wafa (Afghanistan) Vaasanthi (India) Rahad Abir (Bangladesh) Ramendu Majumdar (Bangladesh)	
<b>Host: RS(ROK)</b>		
<b>Nineteenth Session: 4.10 pm – 4.40 pm; Panel Discussion on Nepali Folklore (10 minutes each)</b>		
Panelists from Nepal	Sanskriti Duwadi Sashank Neupane Arya Prasai	Topic: Nineteenth Session: Panel Discussion on Nepali Folklore on 8 October 2021 Time: Oct 8, 2021 04:10 PM
<b>Host: AE(J)</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021</b>		
<b>Twentieth Session: 10.00 am – 11.10 am; Poetry Session (7 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Suman Pokhrel (Nepal)	Topic: Twentieth Session: Poetry Readings on 9 October 2021 Time: Oct 9, 2021 10:00 AM
Readings	Surjit Patar (India) Vihanga Perera (Sri Lanka) Amma Raj Joshi (Nepal) Sanjukta Dasgupta (India) Binod Khaitan (India) Anil Kumar Boro (India) Parbat Lawati (Nepal) Bhagyadhan Barua (Bangladesh) K. Shriganeshan (Sri Lanka) Minar Monsoor (Bangladesh) Suman Pokhrel (Nepal)	
<b>Host: DS(K)</b>		
<b>Twenty First Session: 11.20 am – 12.20 pm; Fiction Session (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Mohammad Mansoor Nassimi (Afghanistan)	Topic: Twenty First Session: Fiction on 9 October 2021 Time: Oct 9, 2021 11:20 AM
Readings	Damodar Mauzo (India)	

	Habibullah Habibi (Afghanistan) Ayeshwini Lama (Bhutan) Afsaneh Vahedyar (Afghanistan) Asadullah Daudzai (Afghanistan) Mohammad Mansoor Nassimi (Afghanistan)	
<b>Host: EH</b>		
<b>Twenty Second Session: 12.30 pm – 1.10 pm; Paper Presentation (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Gourahari Das (India)	Topic: Twenty Second Session: Paper Presentation on 9 October 2021 Time: Oct 9, 2021 12:30 PM
	Jeebesh Rayamajhi (Nepal) <i>'Marriage fails to bond but the Arts: Kinship Network in Rebuilding Peace Across Borders'</i> C. Radhakrishnan (India) Ms. Saguna Shah (Nepal) <i>New Voices in Literature</i> Gourahari Das (India) <i>My Times, My Writings</i>	
<b>Host: DS(N)</b>		
<b>Twenty Third Session: 1.20 pm – 2.00 pm; Interviews and Conversations (15 minutes each)</b>		
Participants	Faruq Sumon in conversation with Ashraf Jewel (Bangladesh) K. Jayakumar in conversation with Anand Kumar (India) Sohana Manzoor in discussion with Rifat Munim (Bangladesh)	Topic: Twenty Third Session: Interviews and Conversations on 9 October 2021 Time: Oct 9, 2021 01:20 PM
<b>Host: RS(ROK)</b>		
<b>Twenty Fourth Session: 2.10 pm – 3.20 pm; Poetry Session (7 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Sukrita Paul Kumar (India)	Topic: Twenty Fourth Session: Poetry Readings on 9 October 2021 Time: Oct 9, 2021 02:10 PM
Readings	Keshab Sigdel (Nepal) Thounaojam Chanu Ibemhal (India) Meenu Minocha (India) Sneh Sayami (Nepal) K.V. Dominic (India) Molly Joseph (India) Mithilesh Shrivastava (India) Somasiri Ekanayake (Sri Lanka) Tinaz Amit (Sri Lanka) Hem Raj Kafle (Nepal)	



	Dhiraj Rai (Nepal) Sukrita Paul Kumar (India)	
<b>Host: AE(J)</b>		
<b>Twenty Fifth Session: 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm; Interviews and Conversations (15 minutes each)</b>		
Participants	Jackie Kabir in conversation with Niaz Zaman (Bangladesh) Kamrul Hasan in conversation with Bimal Guha (Bangladesh) Arun Gupto in conversation with Abhi Subedi (Nepal)	Topic: Twenty Fifth Session: Interviews and Conversations on 9 October 2021 Time: Oct 9, 2021 03:30 PM
<b>Host: DS(K)</b>		
<b>Twenty Sixth Session: 4.25 pm – 5.10 pm; Fiction Session (10 minutes each)</b>		
Chair	Sarath Ananda (Sri Lanka)	Topic: Twenty Sixth Session: Fiction on 9 October 2021 Time: Oct 9, 2021 04:10 PM
Speakers	Hazem Espandiyar (Afghanistan) Aminullah Adel (Afghanistan) Yekta (Afghanistan) Nahid Hakimi (Afghanistan) Sarath Ananda (Sri Lanka)	
<b>Host: Chennai</b>		