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SAHITYA AKADEMI
in collaboration with

Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL)
cordially invites you to the

South Asian Festival of Sufism, Buddhism, Jainism and Bhakti
13-15 March 2020

Sahitya Akademi Auditorium, First Floor
Rabindra Bhavan, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi

PROGRAMME:

Friday, 13 March 2020

9.00-10.00 : REGISTRATION

INAUGURAL SESSION: 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

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| Introduction of the Festival | : Dr. Anand Kumar <i>Director of the Festival</i> | : 5 Minutes |
| Welcome | : Dr. K. Sreenivasarao <i>Secretary, Sahitya Akademi</i> | : 10 Minutes |
| Introductory Address | : Ajeet Cour <i>Eminent Writer, President FOSWAL</i> | : 10 Minutes |
| Chief Guest | : Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar <i>President, Sahitya Akademi</i> | : 20 Minutes |
| Keynote Address on Buddhism | : Prof. K.T.S. Sarao <i>Head of Buddhist Studies, Delhi University</i> | : 20 Minutes |
| Keynote Address on Sufism | : Prof. Riyaz Punjabi <i>Former Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University</i> | : 20 Minutes |
| Keynote Address on Jainism | : Dr. Hampa.Nagarajaiah (Hampana) <i>Eminent Writer, Scholar of Jainism</i> | : 20 Minutes |

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| Keynote Address on Bhakti and Sikh Tradition | : Mr. Chiranjiv Singh <i>Former Ambassador to UN</i> | : 15 Minutes |
| Keynote Address on Bahudha Doctrine to Unify South Asia and South East Asia | : Dr. B.P. Singh <i>Former Governor of Sikkim</i> | : 20 Minutes |
| Special Address on Buddhism | : Prof. Dr. Budhacharan <i>Eminent Buddhist Scholar from Thailand</i> | : 20 Minutes |
| Guest of Honour | : Dr. Madhav Kaushik <i>Vice President, Sahitya Akademi</i> | : 10 Minutes |
| Dr. Hampa.Nagarajaiah (Hampana) will present KUVEMPU NATIONAL AWARD to Smt. Ajeet Cour | | : 15 Minutes |
| Releasing of Books | | : 10 Minutes |
| FOSWAL Awards Ceremony | | : 10 Minutes |
| Vote of Thanks | : Prof. Akhtarul Wasey <i>President, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan</i> | : 10 Minutes |

LUNCH : 1.40 - 2.30

SESSION I
02.30 pm - 04.00 pm
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

2.30-3.00

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson: Prof. Abhi Subedi (Nepal)

1. Bimal Guha (Bangladesh)
2. Daudzai Asadullah (Afghanistan)
3. Thameera Manju (Sri Lanka)
4. Dr. A.J. Thomas (India)
5. Prof. Abhi Subedi (Nepal)

3.00-3.50

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson: Prof. Kaiser Haq (Bangladesh)

1. Prof. Akhtarul Wasey (India)
2. Pradeep Gunasena (Sri Lanka)
3. Shamsulhaq Hairan (Afghanistan)
4. Prof. Kaiser Haq (Bangladesh) (20 Minutes)

SESSION II
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020
3.50 pm - 4.30 pm

3.50-4.30

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson: Aishath Hussain Manik (Maldives)

1. Ayathurai Santhan (Sri Lanka)
2. Sneh Sayami (Nepal)
3. Waheedullah Mayar (Afghanistan)
4. Saleh Mujahid (Bangladesh)
5. Prakash Subedi (Nepal)
6. Aishath Hussain Manik (Maldives)

TEA : 4.30-5.00

SESSION III
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020
5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

5.00-5.30

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson: Prof. Mohammad Nurul Huda (Bangladesh)

1. Mohammad Anwar (Afghanistan)
2. Rupsingh Bhandari (Nepal)
3. Prof. Mohammad Nurul Huda (Bangladesh)

5.30-6.00

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson: Dr. Rinzin Rinzin (Bhutan)

1. Pm Abu Ishahoque Hossain (Bangladesh)
2. Varsha Das (India)
3. Dhanwantari Mishra (Nepal)
4. Vasika Udurawane (Sri Lanka)
5. Dr. Rinzin Rinzin (Bhutan)

SESSION IV
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020
6.00 pm - 6.30 pm

6.00-6.30

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson: Dr. Ashraf Jewel (Bangladesh)

1. Prof. Abhi Subedi (Nepal)
2. Suman Kanti Barua (Bangladesh)
3. Dr. Ashraf Jewel (Bangladesh)

SATURDAY, March 14, 2020
SESSION V
10.00 - 11.25

10.00-10.30

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson: Prof. Bhisma Prasad Upreti (Nepal)

1. K.P. Geethma Sudarshani Madanayake (Sri Lanka)
2. Namgay Peldon (Bhutan)
3. Malik Thusitha Gunarathna (Sri Lanka)
4. Sadia Zafrin Lia (Bangladesh)
5. Prof. Bhisma Prasad Upreti (Nepal)

10.30-11.25

Papers and Fiction Readings (15 Minutes each)

Chairperson : **Dr. Sonal Mansingh**
Guest of Honour
Member of Parliament
Eminent Classical Dancer

1. Dr. Vasant Shinde (India)
2. Dr. Anand Kumar (India)
3. Yashodhara Mishra (India)
4. Dr. Sonal Mansingh (India)

SATURDAY, March 14, 2020
SESSION VI
11.25 - 11.55

11.25-11.55

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson : Kaushalya Kumarasinghe (Sri Lanka)

1. T. Chandrasekara (Sri Lanka)
2. Mojibrahman Faqiri (Afghanistan)
3. Kaushalya Kumarasinghe (Sri Lanka)

TEA : 11.55-12.15

SESSION VII
SATURDAY, March 14, 2020

12.15 - 01.35

12.15-12.55

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson : Dr. Kunzang Choden (Bhutan)

1. Prof. Sehdev Kumar (India)
2. Saeeda Ayoubi (Afghanistan)
3. Neeru Barua (Bangladesh)
4. Dr. Kunzang Choden (Bhutan)

12.55-01.35

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson : Leeladhar Mandloi (India)

1. Lakshmi Kannan (India)
2. Senjuti Barua (Bangladesh)
3. Mahendra Kumar Chalise (Nepal)
4. Binod Khaitan (India)
5. Ramesh Jung Thapa (Nepal)
6. Nazi Karim (Afghanistan)
7. Leeladhar Mandloi (India)

LUNCH : 1.35-02.30

SESSION VIII
SATURDAY, March 14, 2020
02.30-3.30

02.30-03.00

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson : Lion Rabiul Haque (Bangladesh)

1. Md. Ashikuzzaman Khan Kiron (Bangladesh)
2. Parasto Yari (Afghanistan)
3. Lion Rabiul Haque (Bangladesh)

03.00-03.30

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson : Ranjana Niraula (Nepal)

1. Shrikant Saxena (India)
2. Rayhana Forogh (Afghanistan)
3. Ramakrishna Perugu (India)
4. Meena Guha (Bangladesh)
5. Ranjana Niraula (Nepal)

SESSION IX
SATURDAY, March 14, 2020
03.30-4.30

03.30-04.00

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson : Mr. Mohammad Mansoor Nassimi (Afghanistan)

1. Nahid Hakimi (Afghanistan)
2. Dr. Mostafa Tarequl Ahsan (Bangladesh)
3. Mr. Mohammad Mansoor Nassimi (Afghanistan)

04.00-04.40

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson : Dr. Jayanta Mahapatra (India)

Guest of Honour

1. Yaseen Anwar (India)
2. Prollas Sindhuliya (Nepal)
3. Sukhwinder Amrit (India)
4. Vajira Weerakoon (Sri Lanka)
5. Dr. Jayanta Mahapatra (India) (20 Minutes)

TEA : 4.40-5.00

SESSION X
SATURDAY, March 15, 2020
05.00-6.30

05.00-05.40

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson: Prof. Renuka Singh (India)

1. Mohammad Shah (Afghanistan)
2. Shafiqunnabee Samadi (Bangladesh)
3. Anuradha Thimbiriyagama (Sri Lanka)
4. Prof. Renuka Singh (India)

05.40-06.05

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson : Dr. Molly Kaushal (India)

1. Mohammad Nurul Huda (Bangladesh)
2. Mohanjit (India)
3. Susantha Moonamalpe (Sri Lanka)
4. Dr. Molly Kaushal (India)

06.05-06.30

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson : Dr. Gayatri Majumdar (India)

1. Samina Khanal (Nepal)
2. Bishnu Mohapatra (India)
3. Lahiru Isanka (Sri Lanka)
4. Dr. Gayatri Majumdar (India)

**SUNDAY, March 15, 2020
SESSION XI
10.00 - 11.30**

10.00-10.30

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson : Gul Agha Ahmadi (Afghanistan)

1. Shokreya Mashal (Afghanistan)
2. Dr. Parwez Nazir (India)
3. Gul Agha Ahmadi (Afghanistan)

10.30-11.00

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson: Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar (India)

1. Pradeep Trikha (India)
2. Rajkumar Shrestha (India)
3. Tushar Kabir (Bangladesh)
4. Subhash Neerav (India)
5. Sukrita Paul Kumar (India)

11.00-11.30

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson: Dr. Deo Prakash Choudhary (India)

1. Raj Babu Gandham (India)
2. Yusuf Muhammad (Bangladesh)
3. Govinda Giri Prerana (Nepal)
4. Sujana Perugu (India)
5. Dr. Deo Prakash Choudhary (India)

TEA : 11.30-12.00

SUNDAY, March 15, 2020
SESSION XII
12.00-02.00

12.00-12.40

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson: Dr. Sadia Dehlvi (Delhi)

1. Vanita (India)
2. Aruni Kalupahana (Sri Lanka)
3. Sameera Rasa (Afghanistan)
4. Dr. Sadia Dehlvi (India)

12.40-01.20

Poetry Readings (6 minutes each)

Chairperson: Dr. Tarannum Riyaz (India)

1. Balbir Madhopuri (India)
2. T.N. Biswamitra (Nepal)
3. Divyanshi (India)
4. Pradeep Gunasena (Sri Lanka)
5. Meenu Minocha (India)
6. Kavita Singhal (India)
7. Mithilesh Shrivastava (India)
8. Dr. Tarannum Riyaz (India)

01.20-2.00

Papers and Fiction Readings (10 minutes each)

Chairperson: Anushka Kahandagama (Sri Lanka)

1. Shantu Barua (Bangladesh)
2. Pabitra Adhikari (Nepal)
3. Aqsa Sediqi (Afghanistan)
4. Anushka Kahandagama (Sri Lanka)

SUNDAY, March 15, 2020
SESSION XIII
02.00-2.15

Valedictory Function

Vote of Thanks by Anand Kumar **02.00-02.10**

**Resolution of the South Asian Festival of
Sufism, Buddhism and Bhakti** **02.10-02.15**
Ashraf Jewel

LUNCH : 02.15-3.15

After 3.15 till dinner time
Shopping and Sight Seeing (On your own)

SUGGESTIONS :

SHOPPING

- For ready-made fashion clothes, quite cheap : **Sarojini Nagar Market.**
- For Sarees and dress material and other things : **Karol Bagh Market**

SIGHT-SEEING

- India Gate
- Dilli Haat
- Jama Masjid
- Nizamuddin Aulia Dargah