

World literature makes reader global citizen: Jang Bahadur Goyal



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World literature is a platform that transcends religion, class and ideology, creating a common human thought and making the reader a global citizen. These views were expressed by eminent translator and writer Jang Bahadur Goyal, keynote speaker at a seminar on 'Relevance of World Literature' organized by Sahitya Akademi, Delhi, in collaboration with the Department of Languages.

The seminar, held under the leadership of noted novelist and ghazalgo Buta Singh Chauhan, was presided over by Director, Department of

Languages, S. Jaswant Singh Zafar, while eminent critic Dr. Labh Singh Khiva was present as the special guest.

In his address, Goyal said that while no single language can be read, written and spoken across the globe, masterpieces from around the world can reach every corner through translation.

He observed that world literature makes readers aware of diverse cultures, civilizations and environments, creating "parallel worlds" whose characters guide people through the difficult valleys of life. "That is why world literature is considered the heritage of humanity," he added.