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Press Release

Cultural Exchange Programme with writers from Spain and Latin American

New Delhi, 29 November 2024: Under the 'Cultural Exchange' program at Sahitya Akademi today, six writers from Spain and Latin American countries were introduced to the writers and scholars of various Indian languages in Delhi. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, felicitated the participants by presenting Angavastram. Dr. Rao emphasized the importance of literary exchange in encouraging shares philosophies and ideas. He opined that such exchange enriches both cultures, encourages global citizenship, and lays the foundation for lasting international relationships.

This sentiment was echoed by Professor Oscar Pujol from the chair, who spoke about the long standing relationship between Insitituto Cervantes in New Delhi and Sahitya Akademi, helping the literary relationship between the countries to flourish. He emphasized the efforts for direct translation from Spanish into Indian languages without English as the middleman to establish a relationship between cultures and these combined efforts are helping in producing many translators. Among the Spanish delegation, three out of the four languages of Spain were represented, along with an indigenous Mexican language. H.E. Mr. David Puig, Ambassador, Embassy of the Dominican Republic also graced the programme with his presence.

Professor Subhara Majumdar, introduced the Spanish-Latin language delegation. Following, each, Mikeas Sanchez (Zoque), Tere Iraštortza (Basque), Denisse Espanol (Spanish), Juan Carlos Mestre (Spanish) and Eduard Escoffet (Catalan) reading their poetry. After each reading, Prof. Shubhra Bandopadhyay read their English translations. The Indian writers who were present in the programme were—Sri Madhukar Upadhyay (Hindi), Ms Vibha Maurya (Hindi), Ms Huma Qureshi (Urdu), Ms Rakhshanda Jalil (Urdu), Sri Amarendra Khatua (English) Sri Suresh Raina (Kashmiri), Ms Sujata Chowdhuri (Odia), Sri Mukum Kumar (English), Sri Mohan Himthani (Sindhi), Ms Vanita (Punjabi), Sri Abhay K (English) and Sri Rinkal Sharma (Hindi) etc.


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