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Multilingual Translation Workshop

(Short stories)

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Sahitya Akademi in association with the Department of Punjabi, Kurukshetra University, Haryana, organized a three-day Multilingual Short story Translation Workshop on 10-12 September 2025 at the Kurukshetra University. This workshop covered Dogri, English, Hindi, Kashmiri, Punjabi, Rajasthani and Urdu stories in. Dr Kuldip Singh, Chairman, Department of Punjabi, University of Kurukshetra, while welcoming the translators, faculty members, and the students of the University, said that it is our privilege that the National Academy of Letters has selected our university to collaborate in this venture. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Rawail Singh, Director of the workshop and Convener of Punjabi Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, elaborated the details of the workshop. He felt that the workshop is a historical event for Sahitya Akademi and Kurukshetra University since it has involved eight languages for translation into each other. He also said that this will foster the notion of national integration among new generation as they will get an opportunity to read the cultures of different languages through their literature. Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva, Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, while speaking as the chief guest, appreciated the efforts of Sahitya Akademi. Delivering his presidential address, Dr Madhav Kaushik, President, Sahitya Akademi, underlined the importance of translation in the society. He said that it is only translators who are able to bind the people worldwide through their translations. He shared his personal experiences of translation and elaborated how his life has been changed by reading world literature. He requested students and research scholars not to hesitate doing translation workshop as it is more lucrative and can also generate employment for them. He also praised the translators and said that they do not only translate but also transcreate. The inaugural session was concluded with vote of thanks.

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