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Fellowship Presentation to Dr. M. Leelavathy

Sahitya Akademi will confer its Fellowship, India's highest literary honour on Dr M. Leelavathy, distinguished writer, scholar and critic at the ceremony to be held at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 29 September 2022 at the Department of Hindi, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin.

Sahitya Akademi Fellowship is presented only to distinguished scholars of outstanding literary merit, who are immortals of Indian literature and the number of Akademi Fellows at a given time is restricted to only 21.

One of the major voices of modern Malayalam Literature, M. Leelavathy has authored more than sixty books and her works comprise criticism and poetics, biography and essays besides translations. In her long and illustrious career, M. Leelavathy has inspired thousands of Malayalam writers in India and abroad.

She is the recipient of a number of honours and awards for her outstanding contribution to literature and culture such as Odakuzhal Award, Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, Sahitya Akademi Award, Lalithambika Antarjanam Award, Vallathol Award, Basheer Award, Guptan Nair Memorial Award, Vayalar Award, Padma Shri, Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, Mathrubhumi Literary Award and O. N. V. Literary Award.

Dr Chandrashekhar Kambar, eminent poet, playwright and President of Sahitya Akademi, will confer the Fellowship on Dr M. Leelavathy. Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi will read the citation and Sri Prabha Varma, eminent poet and Convener, Malayalam Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, will deliver concluding remarks.

(K. Sreenivasarao)