PRESS RELEASE
All-India Writers’ Meet, 1-2 December 2018

On the occasion of the revival of Sahitya Akademi’s North-East Centre for Oral Literature (which takes care of the promotion and preservation of Northeastern language and literature) in Agartala, the Akademi is organizing an All-India Writers’ Meet on 1-2 December 2018 at Agartala in which writers from different Indian languages will make their presentations. Besides the Inaugural Session, the programme will have four more sessions. Prof. V.L. Dhururkar, Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University will preside, the Keynote Address will be delivered by Sri Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee, eminent English & Bengali scholar/writer, Sri Chandrakanta Murasingh, Director, Sahitya Akademi’s North East Centre for Oral Literature (NECOL) will propose the vote of thanks. The programme will begin at 10.00 a.m. on 1 December 2018 and Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi will deliver the welcome address.

It will be followed by First Session, Poets’ Meet in which Akbar Ahmed & Swapna Sengupta (Bengali), Ms. Dhanshi Swargiary (Bodo), Manilal Patel (Gujarati), Izhar Mubashir (Kashmiri), Bojjoy Debbarma (Kokborok), Sanjay Borkar (Konkani), Mangal Badal (Rajasthani), Hari Dutt Sharma (Sanskrit), Srikanta Soren (Santali) and Nand Kumar Sanmukhani (Sindhi) will be presenting their poems.

In the Second Session, “Short Story Reading” to be held in the afternoon (2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.), Ms. Sunita Bhadwal (Dogri), Arpa Ghosh (English), Prameela Madhav (Kannada), L. Birmingal Singh (Manipuri), Darshan Joga (Punjabi) and Chandrakandan (Tamil) will read their short stories. The session will be chaired by Ram Kumar Mukhopadhyay, eminent Bengali writer.

On the 2nd day, the Third Session will be devoted to “Literature Today” in which Mayur Bora (Assamese), Saroj Kumar Padhi (Odia) and B. Tirupati Rao (Telugu) will present their papers. It will be chaired by Prakash Bhatambrekar, Marathi translator and writer.

During the Fourth and final session titled “Mulakat”, Janesh Ayan Chakma (Chakma), Sunil Kumar Mishra (Hindi), Sumesh Krishnan (Malayalam), Pusker Tamang (Nepali) and Aas Fatmi (Urdu) will recite their poems while Ms. Nikky Priyadarshani will be presenting one of her short stories.

You are requested to spare your valuable time for attending the programme. You are also requested to send your reporter, correspondent and media person to cover the event.

(K. Sreenivasarao)