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TRANSLATION PRIZE 2017

Sahitya Akademi is organizing its Translation Prize presentation ceremony to present the Translation Prize 2017 winners at 4.30 pm on Friday 22 June 2018 at District Library Auditorium, Panbazar, Guwahati-1 (Assam).

President, Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar will present the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2017 to 24 awardees in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque and a cheque of Rs. 50,000/- will be presented to the awardees at the special function. The Award ceremony will begin at 4:30 pm with the welcome speech by Dr. K Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi and presidential address by Prof. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi. Eminent Hindi Writer Sri Leeladhar Jagoori will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi, will give the concluding Remarks which will be followed by cultural performance of 'Yashodhara – Nritya Rupak' (based on Mathilill Sharan Gupt's Yashodhara), Directed by Guru Jitendra Maharaj, presented by Kathak Duo Nalini, Kamalini and group), New Delhi.

On Saturday 23 June 2018 Writers’ Meet will be held at 10.00 am at Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture, Uzanbazar, M.G. Road, Guwahati-1 (Assam), where the Prize winning Translators will speak about their experiences as a Translator. Dr. Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi will preside the session.

In the afternoon 2:30 to 3:30 pm a Abhivyakti programme will be inaugurated. Sri Dhruba Jyoti Bora, Eminent Assamese writer and Convener, Assamese Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, will give Introductory Speech and Inaugural address will be delivered by Dr. Nagen Saikia, eminent Assamese writer. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary Sahitya Akademi will welcome the audience followed by Presidential Address by Prof. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President Sahitya Akademi, whereas Dr. Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi will give the Concluding remarks.
After a short tea break, in the first session (from 4.00 to 6.00 pm), Poetry will be presented by Poets from various Indian Languages. It will be chaired by Dr. Robin Ngangom Singh.

On Sunday, 24 June 2018 in the second session (from 9.30 a. to 11.30 am) papers will be presented on the subject – *Translation: Challenges in Maintaining the Essence of the Original*. It will be chaired by Sri Pradip Acharya.

The third and concluding session will be a Short Story reading session (from 12 noon to 2.00 pm). It will be chaired by Ms. Arupa Patangia Kalita.

(K. Sreenivasarao)