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PRESS RELEASE

We are deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden passing away of distinguished Malayalam poet and lyricist Sri O.N.V. Kurup in Thiruvananthapuram on February 13, 2016.

Sri Kurup's passing away is an irreparable loss for the entire literary fraternity across India. A poet of rare sensibility, a poet who could mix mundane with metaphysics, Shri Kurup has left a huge void that is very difficult to fill. Committed to socialist ideology lifelong, Shri Kurup was a humanist first and last and his feelings for fellow humans and their sufferings pained him lot.

He was a close friend of Sahitya Akademi for half a century and he inspired many young people to look up to serious literature. With his passing away, an era has come to an end.

I join everyone in Sahitya Akademi in praying for his soul to rest at peace.


(Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari)