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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

We are deeply saddened by the demise of one of the distinguished scholars and finest poets of modern Indian literature, Smt. Sugathakumari. She was a great poet, one of the finest philosophers, an environmentalist whose heart always beat for people. Her understanding of people and vagaries of Nature and her ability to put in words those visions and thoughts that will not yield to expression and stand adamantly on the edge of one's mind always, made her stand out as a Princess among the doyens. Her Raathrimazha, Sahitya Akademi Award winning poetry collection, along with Pathirappookal, Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award winning work and works such as Ambalamani and Manalezhuthu, made her one of the greatest poets of modern India.

She tirelessly worked for the promotion of children's literature and for her efforts she was conferred with Lifetime Contributions to Children's Literature by Kerala Sahitya Akademi. Her overall efforts to conserve including her nationwide movement to save Silent Valley and her initiative, Abhaya, a shelter for women who are mentally affected & her constant helping everyone who came to her, are some traits all of should do well to learn from and emulate her. Her passing away leaves a deep void and also rich legacy.

Sahitya Akademi offers deepest condolences to the family of Smt. Sugathakumari.


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