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Sahitya Akademi is organizing its **Annual Festival of Letters** at Rabindra Bhavan, 35, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi from **12 to 17 February, 2018**. This year the Festival's theme is **70 Years of Indian Independence**, which contributes to the enhancement of the prestige and attractiveness of the Language diversity on a unique stage. More than 250 writers/scholars from different parts of the country representing various languages are taking part in this year's Festival of Letters.

The Festival will begin with the inauguration of **Akademi Exhibition** by Smt. Chitra Mudgal, eminent Hindi writer at 10.00 a.m. on 12 February 2018. The prestigious **Sahitya Akademi Awards Presentation Ceremony** will be held on the same day at Kamani auditorium, Copernicus Marg at 5.30 p.m. The **Samvatsar lecture** will be delivered by Prof S.L. Bhyrappa, eminent Kannada writer and scholar on 13 February 2018 at 6.00 p.m. at Rabindra Bhavan lawns.

National Seminar on **70 Years of Indian Independence: Literary Portrayals** and a seminar on **Tribal and Oral Literature** will feature eminent scholars and writers from all over the country. Apart from other regular features, we will have **Indo-Israeli Writers' Meet** on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel. The Akademi is organizing a Symposium on **The Role of Publishers in Indian Literature** and also on **Media and Literature** this year as a part of the festival.

The Yuva Sahiti will be organized on 15th February, 2018 with young writers from 24 different Indian languages while **Purvottari: North East and Northern Writers' Meet** will be held on 16th February, where writers from Northern and North Eastern languages are invited. **Seminar on Oral and Tribal Literature and Tribal Poets' Meet** will be held from 13 to 14 February. To promote children's activities, programme on **Spin A Tale** will be organized on 17th February. Poet and story writing competition for children will be the special attraction. There will be Symposium on **Translation** on 16th February, 2018.

A colourful cultural performance reflecting the Nation's cultural heritage will be the part of the evening performances, like Kuchipudi Dance by Kuchipudi Bhagavatha Melam, Sangrain & Wa Dance by Sangrain Dance Academy, Tripura, Kavi Sammelan, Musical Presentation of Mediaval Poetry by Shekhar Sen. Thus, the week will showcase several series of events, exhibitions and cultural performances, which will transform the capital into a destination for celebrating the rich and vibrant Literature of India.


(K.Sreenivasarao)