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Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL)

cordially invite you to our

South Asian Online Literary Conference

on 6 - 9 October, 2021

The programme is according to the Indian Standard Time (IST)

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Inaugural Session: 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

- Welcome Address : **K. Sreenivasarao**
Secretary, Sahitya Akademi
- Presidential Address : **Ajeet Cour**
President, FOSWAL
- Chief Guest : **Chandrashekhhar Kambar**
President, Sahitya Akademi
- Guests of Honour : **Mohammed Nurul Huda**,
Bangladesh
Kunzang Choden, Bhutan
Akhtarul Wasey, India
Najib Manalai, Afghanistan
Keshab Sigdel, Nepal
Kanchana Priyakantha, Sri Lanka
Ibrahim Waheed, Maldives
- Concluding Remarks : **Madhav Kaushik**
Vice President, Sahitya Akademi

First Session: 12.45 pm - 2.00 pm

Poetry Readings

Chair : **Abhi Subedi** (Nepal)

Readings

Arun Kamal (India), **Aishath Husain Manik**
(Maldives), **Shamsulhaq Hairan** (Afghanistan)

Chador Wangmo (Bhutan), **Balbir Madhopuri**
(India), **Ranjana Niraula** (Nepal)

Nisansala Dharmasena Bertholameuze
(Sri Lanka), **Hamid Stanikzai** (Afghanistan)

Kamrul Hassan (Bangladesh), **Sarita Bhattarai**
(Nepal), **Abhi Subedi** (Nepal)

Second Session: 2.10 pm - 2.45 pm

**Panel Discussion: "Unfinished Autobiography
by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman: Re-visiting History"**

Panelists from Bangladesh

Mofidul Hoque, Fakrul Alam
Kamal Chowdhary

Third Session: 3.00 pm –3.35 pm

Fiction

Chair : **Kamala Wijeratne** (Sri Lanka)

Speakers : **Najibullah Azad** (Afghanistan)

Illya Bhattarai (Nepal)

Kamala Wijeratne (Sri Lanka)

Fourth Session: 3.45 pm –4.15 pm

Paper Presentation

Chair : **Shafi Shauq**

Papers : **Mahinda Dalupotha** (Sri Lanka)

My Life and Writing Journey

Subhro Bandopadhyay (India)

My Times My Writings

Shafi Shauq (India)

My Way of Writing Poetry and Short Fiction

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Fifth Session: 10.00 am – 11.15 am

Poetry Readings

Chair : **Md. Nurul Huda** (Bangladesh)

Readings

Bimal Guha (Bangladesh), **Pushpa Raj Acharya**
(Nepal), **Jiwan Namdung** (India), **Geeta Tripathi**
(Nepal), **Nandini Sidha Reddy** (India)

Arman Atal (Afghanistan), **Sushri Sangita Mishra**
(India), **Sravani Biswas** (India), **Sofiul Azam**
(Bangladesh), **Govinda Giri Prerna** (Nepal), **Md.**

Nurul Huda (Bangladesh)

Sixth Session: 11.30 am–12.15 pm

Fiction

Chair : **Mamang Dai** (India)

Speakers : **Rezwanullah Obrang** (Afghanistan)

Rangnath Pathare (India)

Sharkar Abdul Mannan (Bangladesh)

Mamang Dai (India)

Seventh Session: 12.25 pm–1.00 pm

Paper Presentation

Chair : **Renuka Singh** (India)

Papers : **Januka Edirimanna Mohotti** (Sri Lanka)

My Times My Writings

Dasho Dorji Dradhul (Bhutan)

Will Talk about his book

Renuka Singh (India)

Will read from her favourite book

Eighth Session: 1.10 pm–2.00 pm

Interviews and Conversations

Participants

Maryam Thasannum Waheed in conversation with
Ibrahim Waheed (Maldives)

Kanchana Priyakantha in conversation with
Sunil Wijesiriwardhena (Sri Lanka)

Karma Cheki in conversation with
Rinzin Rinzin (Bhutan)

Ninth Session: 2.10 pm–3.25 pm

Poetry Readings

Chair : **Hampa Nagarajaiah** (India)

Readings

Asad Mannan (Bangladesh), **A.J. Thomas** (India)

Thinley Tobgay (Bhutan), **Ibrahim Waheed** (Maldives), **Ram Dayal Rakesh** (Nepal), **Abhiraja Rajendra Mishra** (India), **Leeladhar Mandloi** (India), **Dastgir Farhood** (Afghanistan), **Jyoti Jungle** (Nepal), **Bipasha Binte Haque** (Bangladesh), **Hampa Nagarajaiah** (India)

Tenth Session: 3.35 pm–4.15 pm

Fiction

Chair : **Selina Hossain** (Bangladesh)
Readings: **Ghulam Hazrat Nabipour** (Afghanistan)
Jharna Rahman (Bangladesh)
Varsha Adalja (India)
Selina Hossain (Bangladesh)

Eleventh Session: 4.25 pm–5.00 pm

Paper Presentation

Chair : **Alok Bhalla** (India)
Papers : **Chiranjiv Singh** (India)
Syeda S. Hameed (India)
Humanism: Culture, Emotions and Literature
Alok Bhalla (India)
Will talk about Kunwar Narain and will recite his poems

Twelfth Session: 5.10 pm–5.40 pm

Interviews and Conversations

Participants
Vanlallawmkimi in conversation with
Kunzang Choden (Bhutan)
Fayeza Hasanat in conversation with
Manzoorul Islam (Bangladesh)

Friday, October 8, 2021

Thirteenth Session: 10.00 am – 11.10 am

Poetry Readings

Chair : **Kaiser Haq** (Bangladesh)
Readings

Bhisma Upreti (Nepal), **Deo Prasad Choudhary** (India), **Anisul Hoque** (Bangladesh), **A. Krishna Rao** (India), **Nimesh Nikhil** (Nepal), **Obayed Akash** (Bangladesh), **Beena Theeng** (Nepal)
Sukhwinder Amrit (India), **Harish Chand Adhikari** (Nepal), **Damodar Pudasainee** (Nepal)
Kaiser Haq (Bangladesh)

Fourteenth Session: 11.20 pm–12.00 noon

Fiction

Chair : **Najib Manalai** (Afghanistan)
Readings : **Sanjeeda Hossain** (Bangladesh)
Zarghona Sayqin (Afghanistan)
Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi (India)
Najib Manalai (Afghanistan)

Fifteenth Session: 12.10 pm–12.40 pm

Paper Presentation

Chair : **Suresh Goel** (India)
Papers : **Ramji Timalsina** (Nepal)
Nepali Transnational Life and Literature in South Asia
Mohan Himthani (India)
Contemporary Sindhi Kavita
Suresh Goel (India) *Pluralism*

Sixteenth Session: 12.50 pm–1.50 pm

Interviews and Conversations

Participants
Ashraf Jewel in conversation with
Md. Nurul Huda (Bangladesh)
Sneh Sayami in conversation with
Bhisma Upreti (Nepal)
Mojibrahman Faqiri in conversation with
Gulagha Ahmadi (Afghanistan)

Seventeenth Session: 2.00 pm–3.15 pm

Poetry Readings

Chair : **Rinzin Rinzin** (Bhutan)
Readings

Najibullah Azad (Afghanistan), **Rubana Huq** (Bangladesh), **Shefalika Verma** (India), **M.P. Thameera Manju** (Sri Lanka), **Vanita** (India)
Gulagha Ahmadi (Afghanistan), **Shyamsunder Sikder** (Bangladesh), **Lakshmi Kannan** (India)
Manju Kanchuli (Nepal), **Ibrahim Waheed** (Maldives), **Rinzin Rinzin** (Bhutan)

Eighteenth Session: 3.25 pm – 4.00 pm

Fiction

Chair : **Ramendu Majumdar** (Bangladesh)
Readings: **Anwar Wafa** (Afghanistan)
Vaasanthi (India)
Rahad Abir (Bangladesh)
Ramendu Majumdar (Bangladesh)

Nineteenth Session: 4.10 pm – 4.40 pm

Panel Discussion on Nepali Folklore

Panelists from Nepal
**Sanskriti Duwadi, Sashank Neupane
Arya Prasai**

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Twentieth Session: 10.00 am – 11.10 am

Poetry Readings

Chair : **Suman Pokhrel** (Nepal)

Readings

Surjit Patar (India), **Vihanga Perera** (Sri Lanka)
Amma Raj Joshi (Nepal), **Sanjukta Dasgupta**
(India), **Binod Khaitan** (India), **Anil Kumar Boro**
(India), **Parbat Lawati** (Nepal), **Bhagyadhan Barua**
(Bangladesh), **K. Shriganeshan** (Sri Lanka) **Minar**
Monsoor (Bangladesh), **Suman Pokhrel** (Nepal)

Twenty First Session: 11.20 am – 12.20 pm

Fiction

Chair : **Mohammad Mansoor Nassimi** (Afghanistan)

Readings: **Damodar Mauzo** (India)

Habibullah Habibi (Afghanistan)

Ayeshwini Lama (Bhutan)

Afsaneh Vahedyar (Afghanistan)

Asadullah Daudzai (Afghanistan)

Mohammad Mansoor Nassimi
(Afghanistan)

Twenty Second Session: 12.30 pm – 1.10 pm

Paper Presentation

Chair : **Gourahari Das** (India)

Papers : **Jeebesh Rayamajhi** (Nepal)

*'Marriage fails to bond but the Arts: Kinship
Network in Rebuilding Peace Across Borders'*

C. Radhakrishnan (India)

Saguna Shah (Nepal)

New Voices in Literature

Gourahari Das (India)

My Times, My Writings

Twenty Third Session: 1.20 pm – 2.00 pm

Interviews and Conversations

Participants

Faruq Sumon *in conversation with*

Ashraf Jewel (Bangladesh)

K. Jayakumar *in conversation with*

Anand Kumar (India)

Sohana Manzoor *in conversation with*

Rifat Munim (Bangladesh)

Twenty Fourth Session: 2.10 pm – 4.00 pm

Poetry Readings

Chair : **Sukrita Paul Kumar** (India)

Readings

Keshab Sigdel (Nepal), **Thounaojam Chanu**

Ibemhal (India), **Meenu Minocha** (India),

Adityanath Das (India), **Sneh Sayami** (Nepal)

K.V. Dominic (India), **Molly Joseph** (India)

Mithilesh Shrivastava (India), **Somasiri**

Ekanayake (Sri Lanka), **Tapan Kumar Bagachi**

(Bangladesh), **Tinaz Amit** (Sri Lanka) **Hem Raj**

Kafle (Nepal), **Dhiraj Rai** (Nepal)

Sukrita Paul Kumar (India)

Twenty Fifth Session: 4.10 pm – 5.00 pm

Interviews and Conversations

Participants

Jackie Kabir *in conversation with*

Niaz Zaman (Bangladesh)

Kamrul Hasan *in conversation with*

Bimal Guha (Bangladesh)

Arun Gupto *in conversation with*

Abhi Subedi (Nepal)



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