



Mahasweta Devi

(1926-2016)

One of the finest writers of modern India and social activist, Ms. Mahasweta Devi is no more with us. She was one intellectual whose heart beat, till the very end, for the welfare and upliftment of oppressed and downtrodden. Her writings were the voice of the voiceless, a beacon of light in the dark alleys of their hopeless lives. Master craftswoman, she portrayed the tales of hunger, suppression and moral dilemmas of the poor in a most vivid manner in her stories. From *Jhansir Rani* to *Hajar Churashir Maa* to *Aranyer Adhikar* (for which she won Sahitya Akademi Award) to *Rudali* and her other writings, it was a journey offering hope to the hopeless and we all should be thankful to her for taking us along.

Sahitya Akademi is organizing a condolence meeting to remember and pay respect to the departed writer at the Akademi auditorium, First Floor, Rabindra Bhavan, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi on August 2, 2016 at 6. p.m.

All are invited to join us in saluting one of the greatest daughters of India.