Azim Premji University to launch ‘Sahitya Sahavasa’ in Dharwad on Mar 24

Dharwad | Bengaluru, March 21: Azim Premji University is launching ‘Sahitya Sahavasa’ -- the first in a series of events to celebrate the cultural milieu of the state, its literary icons, and the Kannada language -- in Dharwad on March 24.

The Dharwad event, conceived around Prof. U R Ananthamurthy’s lectures on Da. Ra. Bendre, one of the greatest poets in the history of Kannada literature, and the Kannada Language, will unveil a series of talks delivered by the Jnanpith award winner on Youtube with English subtitles to make it accessible for language enthusiasts globally. The lectures were originally telecast on Doordarshan.

The Ananthamurthy lecture series also throws light on the contributions of prominent Kannada writers of the 20th century like Kuvempu, Shivarama Karanth, Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, Gopalakrishna Adiga, P Lankesh, Poornachandra Tejaswi, Chandrashekhara Kambara, A K Ramanujan and Girish Karnad and reflects upon key literary movements like Navya and Dalit Sahitya.

Dr K S Sharma, Director, Bendre Research Centre, Hubli, will launch the video talks in the presence of the family members of Bendre and Ananthamurthy. Well-known novelist and playwright, Vivek Shanbhag, will preside over the inaugural ceremony.

The day-long programme will feature panel discussions involving eminent litterateurs, recitation of Bendre’s poems, an exhibition of portraits/artworks of renowned writers and anecdotes about Bendre from his close associates.

Set up in 2001, the Azim Premji Foundation is building a network of universities to contribute to capacity development and research for the social sector and be an exemplar of higher education with inclusion and quality.

Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, organises several Kannada initiatives. These include ‘Kathavana’, an annual children’s literary festival, the online translations repository ‘Anuvada Sampada’, and programmes such as ‘Noorakke Nooru Karnataka’ on Radio Azim Premji University that highlights events, places and persons who occupy a pride of place in the state’s history. The University intends to contribute more to Karnataka’s cultural landscape under ‘Sahitya Sahavasa’.

About Azim Premji University

Azim Premji University was established under the Azim Premji University Act 2010 of the Government of Karnataka. Azim Premji Foundation, the sponsoring body set up the University as a fully philanthropic and not-for-profit entity, with a clear social purpose of contributing to the realization of a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society.

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