Azim Premji University to launch ‘Sahitya Sahavasa’ in Udupi on June 1

Udupi| Bengaluru, May 29: Azim Premji University is launching ‘Sahitya Sahavasa’ -- the second edition in a series of events to celebrate Karnataka’s rich cultural milieu, its literary icons, and the Kannada language -- in Udupi on June 1.

The Udupi event, conceived around Prof. U R Ananthamurthy’s lectures on stalwarts of Kannada literature, Shivarama Karanth, Gopalakrishna Adiga and Navya Sahitya (the modernist phase in Kannada literature), 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 initially telecast on Doordarshan.

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

Lakshmisha Tolpadi, a prominent Kannada writer and thinker, will launch the video talks in the presence of the family members of Karanth and Adiga. Prof Sharat Ananthamurthy, Vice Chancellor, Kuvempu University, will preside over the inaugural ceremony.

The day-long programme will feature a panel discussion and talks on the contributions of Karanth and Adiga, a Yakshagana performance, rendition of Adiga’s songs, an exhibition of portraits/artworks and anecdotes about Karanth and Adiga by their close associates. Separately, prizes will be awarded to the winners of the essay and singing competitions organised as part of the event for degree and pre-university students.

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 highlight 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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