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Sahitya Akademi Foundation Day Lecture
by
Dr Karan Singh

Sahitya Akademi celebrated its 64th Foundation Day at the Akademi premises in New Delhi on March 12, 2018. Dr Karan Singh, eminent scholar and writer, delivered the Foundation Day Lecture on "The Four Pillars of Learning." Earlier, Dr K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, welcomed Dr Karan Singh and talked briefly about the evolution and growth of the Akademi over six and a half decades. Dr Karan Singh, in his lecture talked about each of the four pillars of learning - "Learning to know, Learning to do, Learning to be and Learning to live together" and observed that he chose the topic since all literature is learning. On 'Learning to Know', Dr Singh observed that unless we ask questions we will not learn. He highlighted the object of knowledge and distinguished among on what we seek - information, knowledge and wisdom. On 'Learning to Do,' Dr Singh stated that education without the capacity to do something is meaningless, efficient and clear learning is necessary to obtain skills and one should do things with such obtained skills, dedication and enthusiasm to complete meaningful learning. On 'Learning to Live Together,' Dr Singh stated that realization of full potential at the individual and societal level is possible only with the emergence and establishment of the value based systems - family values, societal values, interface values, environmental values and awareness of a global society. On 'Learning to Be,' Dr Singh stated that human life is not a meaningless journey, it is an exciting gift and an unique opportunity. He urged people to raise their consciousness to a higher level, move towards learning to be and identify oneself. He concluded his speech by stating that the earth has nurtured us, we should not destroy it and nurture it back to create a global village. A brief interactive session followed the lecture.

(K. Sreenivasarao)