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HSV to preside over 85th Kannada literary meet

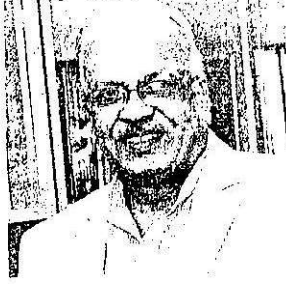
The sahitya sammelana is scheduled to be held in Kalaburagi from February 5 to 7

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Kannada poet, playwright, and critic H.S. Venkateshamurthy (well known as HSV) will preside over the 85th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana slated to be held in Kalaburagi from February 5 to 7, 2020.

The executive committee of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP), which organises the literary festival, unanimously chose Mr. Venkateshamurthy as the president of the sammelana at a meeting held here.

Mr. Venkateshamurthy told *The Hindu*, "It is an honour and a privilege to preside over a Kannada Sahitya



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He added that it was his fortune to preside over the literary festival in the place

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where B.M. Srikantaiah, Channappa Uttangi, and Siddaiah Puranik had once presided.

Manu Baligar, KSP president, said the contributions of Mr. Venkateshamurthy to Kannada literature were significant across genres. "The

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- B.M. Srikantaiah in 1928
- Channappa Uttangi in 1949
- Siddaiah Puranik in 1987

corpus of his literary output is diverse. He has worked in the fields of both modern Kannada and old Kannada," Mr. Baligar said.

Poetry collections of Mr. Venkateshamurthy include *Sindabadana Atmakathe*, *Kriyaparva*, *Vimukti*, and *Americadalli Billuhabba*.

His plays include *Hejjegalu*, *Uriya Uyyale*, and *Kattalege Estu Mukha*.

Mr. Venkateshamurthy's contribution to children's literature is also noteworthy. *Hakki Saalu*, *Huvinashale*, *Alilu Ramayana*, and *Sunnada Sutta* are some of his important works in children's literature.

He has also written songs for various films, including *Chinnarimutta*, *America America*, and *Mathadana*, and for tele-serials, including *Mukta*, apart from writing dialogues and screenplays of many films. He is also well known for cassettes of *bhavgates* (lyric compositions).