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**PRESS RELEASE**

It is with a heavy heart and shock that Sahitya Akademi received the news of the passing away of eminent novelist, philosopher, screenwriter, versatile scholar and Fellow of Sahitya Akademi, Dr S. L. Bhyrappa. Most of his prominent novels (such as *Vamshavruksha*, *Tabbaliyu Neenaade Magane*, *Parva*, and *Saarth*) have strong roots in ancient Indian philosophical tradition and they revived the interest of the masses in critical appreciation of age-old texts, traditions and also in historical fiction. He singlehandedly revolutionized novel writing in India and his works, with heavy underpinning of diverse philosophies of India, was a major hit among the younger section of population with many of them taking up to philosophy in a major way. His passing away is a major loss to Indian Literature. Sahitya Akademi mourns passing away of this gentle genius and joins literary fraternity of India in paying tribute to Dr S. L. Bhyrappa.

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