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The General Council of Sahitya Akademi, in its ninety second meeting, chaired by the Akademi President, Dr Chandrashekhhar Kambar, elected distinguished scholar, writer, translator and critic, Professor Velcheru Narayana Rao as Honorary Fellow of Sahitya Akademi. Fellowship of Sahitya Akademi is the highest Literary Honour in the country.

Professor Velcheru Narayana Rao is the 14th scholar to be elected as Honorary Fellow of Sahitya Akademi. Previous Honorary Fellows of Sahitya Akademi include Sri Leopold Sedar Senghor, Prof. Kamil V Zvelebil, Sri V.S. Naipaul and Prof. Daniel H.H. Ingalls.

Professor Narayana Rao is a distinguished scholar, writer, academician and translator whose contributions include works on Telugu Literature, South Indian history and translation of several seminal works. His publications include *Girls for Sale: Kanyasulkam. A Play from Colonial India*, *God On the Hill: Temple Songs from Tirupati*, with David Shulman, *Textures of Time: Writing History in South India* co-authored with Sanjay Subrahmanyam and David Shulman and *Hibiscus on the Lake: Twentieth Century Telugu Poetry from India*. He is prominent among the contemporary scholars to put South Indian literature in the global arena. He is a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Institute for Research in Humanities at the University of Madison. He is also the recipient of A.K. Ramanujan Prize for Translation and Radhakrishnan Memorial Award.

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