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I, as the President of Sahitya Akademi, would like to inform everyone that the Sahitya Akademi, an autonomous body devoted to literatures in India in 24 languages, is a writers' own home and is always committed to the welfare of writers and freedom of expression of writers.

I am very pained at reports in the media that Sahitya Akademi is silent on many recent events. I, as the President of Sahitya Akademi, can express my official views on any matter only after placing the same before and getting the requisite approval from the Executive Board of Sahitya Akademi in the next meeting.

We wish to emphasize that the Akademi stands for freedom of expression of all writers, irrespective of caste, colour, creed or nationality. Sahitya Akademi condemns the attack on and murder of any writer or artist anywhere. Sahitya Akademi is committed to the core secular values enshrined in the Constitution of India and the golden principle of the right to life of all.

We would like to remind everyone that not only is the Sahitya Akademi the highest literary institution in the country, but it is also run by writers. We appeal to the Writers' Community to come forward and protect the dignity of Sahitya Akademi.

Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari