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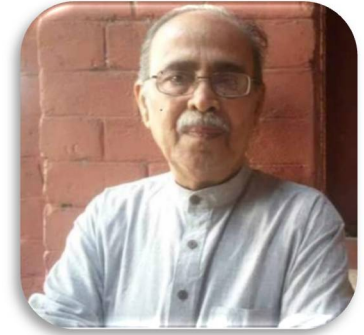
## HOMAGE TO STALWARTS



Mahasweta Devi  
(1926-2016)

One of the finest writers of modern India and social activist, Ms. Mahasweta Devi is no more with us. She was one intellectual whose heart beat, till the very end, for the welfare and upliftment of oppressed and downtrodden. Her writings were the voice of the voiceless, a beacon of light in the dark alleys of their hopeless lives. Master craftswoman, she portrayed the tales of hunger, suppression and moral dilemmas of the poor in a most vivid manner in her stories. From Jhansir Rani to Hajar Churashir Maa to Aranyer Adhikar (for which she won Sahitya Akademi Award) to Rudali and her other writings, it was a journey offering hope to the hopeless and we all should be thankful to her for taking us along.

Ranganathan, known in Tamil literary world by his pen name *Gnanakoothan* is no more with us. He was Born in Thiru Indalur, Mayiladuthurai, Thanjavur Dist. Tamil Nadu. Gnanakoothan who has introduced surrealism in modern Tamil Poetry is a remarkable poet. He wrote poems on Social Satires, Political leg-pulling without holding anything sacred and Mystical Poems. He is a major poet with innate qualities of humour which took on dimensions of uninhibited lampooning of all things happening around him in society and politics.



Gnanakoothan  
1938 - 2016

Sahitya Akademi is organizing a Homage meeting to remember and pay respect to the departed writers at Sahitya Akademi, Guna Complex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 443, Anna Salai, Teynampet, CHENNAI-600018 on August 9, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

All are invited to join us in saluting the literary stalwarts