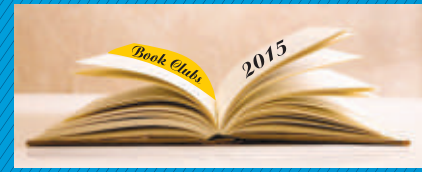


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Editorial

A sense of pride and achievement pervades the release of the second issue of The Book Leaf.

The last four months have been significant in the line of events that were held, beginning in June with the grand success of the first Literature Festival in Mysuru. Literary giants like Girish Karnad, Aroon Raman, Vivek Shanbhag, P. Chidambaram and other stalwarts made this a memorable occasion with 'author speak', panel discussions and more. The canopy of the raintrees and stately heritage structure at Wind Chimes provided the right backdrop as an enthusiastic audience enjoyed it all!

July had writer Lakshmi Palecanda release two of her books through our Literary Forum. Dr. Javed Nayeem and Lalitha Rao did the honours while Dr. Latha Muthanna and Vinaya Prabhavathy received the first copies.

A lively quiz in Kannada was conducted by our member Shubhamani at the Vani Vilas Ladies Club in association with them, in the month of August. Her Highness Pramoda Devi Wadiyar graced the programme and distributed the prizes.

Book Club members continued to derive pleasure in sharing of thoughts and discussions. Alexander Frater's 'Chasing the Monsoon' was an ideal seasonal choice for the readers.

We have lots of activities lined up for the coming months, so keep that book mark handy!

Happy Reading folks.



Literature Festival Curators

Mrs. Shubha Sanjay Urs and Dr. Indira Bruner Chandrasekhar curated the first edition of Mysuru Literature Festival-2017. They created a forum of 12 panel discussions - seven in English and three in

Kannada apart from individual talks by authors.

Indira is the Founding Editor of **Out of Print**, an online journal that encourages writers to contribute short stories that relate to the Indian subcontinent.

Founders Note...



Shubha Sanjay Urs

Chairperson

Book Club 2015

Mysuru Literary Forum
Charitable Trust

It has been two years since the Book Clubs have been functional, I have a great deal of satisfaction after successfully hosting the first Mysuru Literature Festival in June. It was the

culmination of excellent support of the Trust. Sam played a pivotal role in making the festival a reality, Hanumanth's valuable suggestions, Suchi's management of accounts and Vinaya's perfect record-keeping. Aunt Tangam and Kitty, Ponnu mama for being there with me, their presence boosted my confidence and kept me motivated.

Ably augmented by our book club members who believed in my vision and turned into reality. It was a unique forum where the writers and readers of both English and Kannada got an opportunity to meet and interact with their favourite authors.



- Meet the Author: Aroon Raman
- Kannada Rajyotsava
- Creative writing workshop



Release of logo by Jagannath Shenoy also seen are Shubha Sanjay Urs, Her Highness Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Girish Karnad and Vinaya Prabhavathy.



Newsletter release: Left Shubha Sanjay Urs, HH Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Girish Karnad, Jagannath Shenoy, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Lalitha Rao and Aroon Raman.



Girish Karnad

Under raintree with the backdrop of Wind Chimes a heritage structure; actor, director, writer, playwright, and Jnanapith awardee, Girish Karnad wove magic at the Mysuru Literature Festival as he took us on a journey to "aduge maneyalli ajjee kathe, aramaneya mahakavya". He traced the tradition of storytelling – highlighting the contribution of poet and folklorist A.K. Ramanujan for studying it systematically. Reminiscing that A.K.R had his in Mysuru. Karnad spoke of the rich tapestry of folklore and how it emanated out of the kitchens into the society creating experiences, new forms, and finally emerging as folklore. He recalled his own experience as a child listening to stories from his grandmothers.

ಜನ್ಮ ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವಕ್ಕೆ ನುಡಿ ನಮನ

2017 ಕನ್ನಡದ ಸುಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧ ಲೇಖಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಎಂ.ಕೆ. ಇಂದಿರಾ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋಪಾಲಕೃಷ್ಣ ಅಡಿಗರ ನೂರನೇ ಜನ್ಮದಿನದ ವರ್ಷ. ಇದರ ನೆನಪಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಕೆಲವು ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ಆಯ್ದು ಪುಟಗಳನ್ನು ಓದುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಕೃಷಿಯ ಕುರಿತು ವಿಶೇಷ ವಿಚಾರ ಸಂಕಿರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಶುಭಾ ಸಂಜಯ ಅರಸ್, ವಸುದೇಂದ್ರ, ಗಿರೀಶ್ ಕಾರ್ನಾಡ್, ವನಮಾಲ ವಿಸ್ವನಾಥ್, ವಿವೇಕ್ ಶಾನಬಾಗ್.



Monday Book Club Book Reads		A Little Life	Hanya Yanagihara
Title of the Book	Author	A Man Called Ove	Fredrik Backman
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	A Long Way Home	Saroo Brierley
The Other Side of the Corridor	Sujata Rajpal	Book of own choice	
Those Pricey Thakur Girls	Anuja Chauhan	My Brilliant Friend	Elena Ferrante
Bride at Ten Mother at Fifteen	Sethu Ramaswamy	Chasing the Monsoon	Alexander Frater
The Palace of Illusion	Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni	Tuesday Book Club Book Reads	
Gone with the Wind	Margaret Mitchell	Title of the Book	Author
The Hungry Tide	Amitav Ghosh	The Krishna Keys	Ashwin Sanghi
Malgudi Days	R K Narayan	The Mother I Never Knew	Sudha Murthy
One Point Two Billion	Mahesh Rao	Gift	Daniel Steele
To Kill a Mocking Bird	Harper Lee	Palace of Illusions	Chitra Banerjee
The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho	Acts of Faith	Erich Segal
The Other Boleyn Girl	Philippa Gregory	A Case of Need	Michael Crichton
Classic of own choice		No Highway	Nevil Shute
Mercy	Jodi Picoult	The Other Side of The Dale	Gervase Phinn
The Missing Queen	Samhita Arni	The Source	James Michener
Neither Here nor There	Bill Bryson	Vivekananda	Sashidhar
Days of Gold and Sepia	Yasmin Premji	Skyfire	Aroon Raman
Africa 39	A collaborative project	Chasing the Monsoon	Alexander Frater

ಕನ್ನಡ ಓದುಗರ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ

ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ಹೆಸರು	ಲೇಖಕರು	ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ಹೆಸರು	ಲೇಖಕರು
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ಉಯ್ಯಾಲೆ	ಚದುರಂಗ	ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ	ಕೆ.ಎಸ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಸ್ವಾಮಿ
ಸರಸ	ಈಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ	ಕುವೆಂಪುಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಪರಿಚಯ	ನಾಗರತ್ನ ಕುಮಾರಿ
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ಕತ್ತಲಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದವಳು	ಬೀಚಿ	ಅಮೃತ ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಕಷಾಯ	ಜಯಂತ ಕಾಯ್ಕಿಣಿ
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ಪಂಪಭಾರತದ ಕರ್ಣಕುಂತಿಯ ಸಂಭಾಷಣೆ	ನಾಗರತ್ನ ಕುಮಾರಿ	ರಸಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ	ಶುಭಾಮಣಿ
ಕಿರಗೂರಿನ ಗಯ್ಯಾಳಿಗಳು	ಪೂರ್ಣಚಂದ್ರ ತೇಜಸ್ವಿ	ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಆಯ್ಕೆ	



Royal Biography

Manu Pillai and Vikram Sampat conversed with Dr. Indira Brunner Chandrasekhar about the twists and turns of the royal families. Manu spoke evocatively about matriarchal society of Kerala, that brought fore powerful rulers in Travancore during the pre independence era.

Mysuru's own tryst with royalty is showcased in Vikram's bold account. Audience loved their candour.

Manu Pillai - *Ivory Throne*

Vikram Sampat - *Splendours of Royal Mysore*



Cricket Panel

Suresh Menon, well known sports editor and an author in conversation with Javagal Srinath, former international cricketer (center) along with R. Kaushik from Wisden India speaking about 22 -yards challenges. Javagal's responses were 'witty and honest', it was refreshing to hear him call a spade a spade. Suresh maneuvered the Q&A with agility. Kaushik's insights into the 'inside stories' made interesting listening.

Suresh Menon: *Pataudi - Nawab of Cricket, Bishan: Portrait of a Cricketer*

Crime Fiction

Aroon Raman seen in conversation with Zac O' Yeah, Aditya Sinha spoke about the plots of crime fiction, and regaled the audience with their tales of where and how they got their inspiration. Zac's Stetson hat provided the right element of adventure and pizzazz to the scene! the audience was treated to the realisation that listening to the authors talk could be as enjoyable as reading their books.

Aroon Raman - *The Shadow Throne, The Treasure of Kafur, Skyfire.*



Defence Stories

Aroon Raman moderating the session on Defence within and outside India with Air Marshall Nanda Cariappa who shared his experience "as a POW" and what transpired when his Hunter aircraft got shot down over Pakistan and the next four months that followed; affable Vijay Kumar gave a gripping account of the brave encounter he had with the notorious bandit Veerappan during Operation Cocoon in 2004.



ಕನ್ನಡದ ಸಣ್ಣ ಕತೆಗಳು

ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಲೋಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಣ್ಣ ಕತೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ವಸುದೇಂದ್ರ ಅವರ ಜೊತೆ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಪ್ರೀತಿ ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದಾರ್ಥ ಅವರು ಸಂವಾದ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ವಸುದೇಂದ್ರ ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ "ಮೋಹನಸ್ವಾಮಿ" ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತ "ಗೇ" ಶಬ್ದದ ಬಗೆಗಿನ ತಪ್ಪು ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಜನಮನದಿಂದ ಹೋಗಬೇಕು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಕನ್ನಡ ಶಬ್ದವೇ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಪಟ್ಟರು. "ಮೋಹನಸ್ವಾಮಿ" ಪುಸ್ತಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ "ಗೇ" ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ತೆರೆದಿಟ್ಟರಲ್ಲದೆ ಕೇಳುಗರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಮಾಧಾನದಿಂದ ಉತ್ತರಿಸಿದರು.





The Power of Yoga

Yamini Muthanna danseuse and yoga guru stole hearts with her grace and poise during her candid talk on the influence and 'The Power of Yoga' at the Mysuru Literature Festival, June 2017. Her book is a visual delight offering therapeutic routines of asanas for better health and quality of life. Her guru bhakthi, reverence and spiritual persona was palpable during her talk.

Deepika Rao in conversation with Yamini Muthanna.



Literary Fiction

Indira Brunner moderated the session seen with authors Mahesh Rao, Anjum Hasan, Vivek Shanbhag and youngest among all of them in the Festival Pranav Shivanna.

Vivek and Pranav spoke of their varied approach and how this reflects in their writings.

Mahesh Rao - *One Point Two Billion, The Smoke Is Rising*

Vivek Shanbhag - *Ghachar Ghochar*



Murty's Classical Library

Prithvi Datta Chandra Shobhi in conversation with Vanamala Viswanatha, who has translated a poetic master piece from Sanskrit to English, *Raghavanka, Harishchandra Kavyam* (The Life of Harishchandra), third series from the Murty Classical Library of India, excerpts were read out by Jyothi Shankar.

Vanamala Viswanatha - *The Life of Harishchandra*

Prithvi Datta Chandra Shobhi & D.R. Nagaraj- *Listening to the Loom: Essays on Literature, Politics and Violence*





Release of Whacky Spooky Fabulous!

An anthology of short stories set in Mysore compiled after a workshop conducted at I Can School by Aparna Raman of Timbuktoo Young Authors Publishing, Bangalore. It was released by Air Marshal Nanda Cariappa, seen from left are Shubha Sanjay Urs, Joyce Maben along with children and Audrey Maben, Principal, I Can.

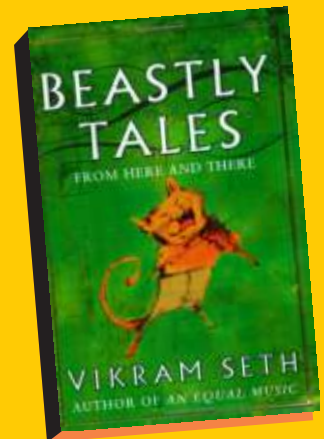
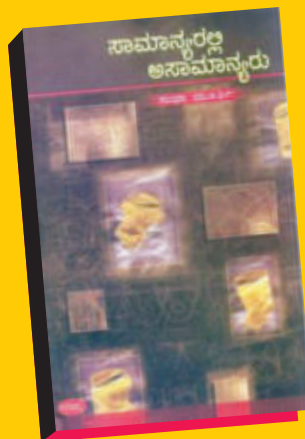
Valedictory Address

If you have power, you are accountable

P Chidambaram, former Finance Minister, spoke on his book – *Fearless in Opposition: Power and Accountability*. Drawing from his experience as a member of the Parliament and as a minister, he said that tolerance was fast disappearing quoting instances of Kashmir, Nagaland and Vemula incident, he said that we need to ponder whether we really are marching towards development or are we diving deep into the depths of autocracy. He was critical of the way demonetisation was handled; Article 370; He was eloquent. The growing conflict actually hinders openly sharing views and ideas even with our children. He concluded his talk by quoting **“if you have power, you are accountable.”** He said that most leaders sought power but are not willing to be accountable. They are not mutually exclusive.



Next Read



Some Sweet Memories of Lit Fest



Chief Guests with authors and trustees



Chief Guests with Club Members



Quiz Inauguration by HH Pramoda Devi Wadiyar



Quiz Group



Book Release of Lakshmi Palecanda



'Reading Habit' Book Club



Story telling session with special children



Story telling session at suruchi

Oh Leaves

Oh Leaves you are so green and glassy you shine
very Bright when the rain falls to night

Oh leaves no matter your are big or small because
you hang up on tall trees

Oh leaves we find you everywhere and we stare at
you. We wait for you to come in all the bushes,
trees because you make our earth look great

Oh Leaves I love the way you are formed

Maanya
9 years



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