



MESSAGE TO SAMYUKTA
LAUNCHING OF THE WEB SITE ON WOMEN WRITERS OF KERALA
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I am very happy to note that *Samyukta*, the academic journal which aims to be the best woman-centered publication from India, is launching a web site dedicated to the Women Writers of Kerala. The organizers have rightly identified the International Women's Day of 2016 for the launch of this web site, which is a pilot project of a larger portal that documents life and works of the Women Writers of India, covering 23 languages.

Undoubtedly, the contribution of women to our cultural, literary and social spheres has not been granted the recognition it actually deserves. Even as we recognize the need for gender equality and gender justice in society, we witness a slow-down in the progress towards gender parity in many nations. It is high time the scholarly sections of society woke up to this reality and set the stage for a more just and meaningful representation of women's achievements and contributions. *Samyukta's* attempt to highlight the contribution of Women Writers in Kerala is a right step in this direction.

The information about women writers who have enriched the Malayalam language would be useful to the academic community and to society at large. Access to such information would encourage researchers as well as the general reading public to understand the perceptions of these writers, the social environment which shaped their thinking and how society reacted to their works. It is heartening to know that this web site is the first of its kind in India.

I congratulate the *Samyukta* team, especially the Editors, Dr. Sreedevi K. Nair and Dr. G. S. Jayasree for initiating this web site. I also convey my best wishes to this academic venture.


(Justice P. Sathasivam)