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I don't know if someone else in the past had said it or not, I think that literature is a fluid thing. If you think that literature is a phenomenon, then I will say that it keeps happening every single moment. If you think that literature is a window, then I will say that the room you are talking about has only 4 large sized windows instead of the walls. What I want to say is that literature is just 'that important'! We have lost one gem from our literature just some days ago – the legendary Leonard Cohen!

Leonard Cohen was one of my favourite poets alive. Not only a poet, he was also very famous for his songs and especially the way he used to sing them. The literary fraternity will surely miss the figure who just left us alive 'a thousand kisses deep'.

This weekend, the Ashvamegh Literature group on WhatsApp was discussing the topic 'Global Literature'. Of course, the discussion was initiated by me and I wanted the academicians to think in a certain way which goes against the classic notion that world literature and global literature are somewhat the same. How much I could succeed and how valid my arguments were can be traced here: ["Discussion on Global Literature in Ashvamegh WhatsApp Group"](#)

I have also another great news to convey. Some days ago, Ashvamegh has organized a poetry competition on our WhatsApp platform. The winners and all other entries can be seen here: [Ashvamegh poetry Competition on WhatsApp](#). The theme of the competition was sympathy, and worth mentioning that we had a great deal of discussion the poems submitted. That was good to see.

I wish best to all the poets, authors and scholars to be published in this issue. We can surely make things happen! Keep on writing and reading!

Best wishes for the coming days,

Alok Mishra



























































Chattarjee: The final goodbye

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"Good morning. How do you feel today, young man?"

"Good morning doctor. I feel good"

"Just good?"

"No, not just good. I feel free. Yes doctor, I feel free. I feel free...."

"Yes I know. They have arrived, only the paperwork is left. Once that is done, they will take you, and then you would actually be free....absolutely free...."