

A 'Bandish' in Raag Lalith

Spare a thought for the force behind it all
Planning the program in every single hall
Answering every delegates query & call
Once couldn't help admiring his gumption
even in a pall.

Rummaging through tons of scientific abstract
Having his evaluators sift & subtract
In order that only the very best he could attract
From his steadfast focus, he'd never detract.

Slotting thousands of speakers to their time & Place
Racking his brains for last-minute dropouts to replace
Yet trying to retain the Programs' sheen & glaze
Many were the headaches, but he kept up the pace.

Always on his toes, an unenviable job of multitask
Dealing with huge numbers indeed a very big ask
Chairman, third umpire, watchdog-he'd to wear many a mask
At the end of it all, he'd triumph & bask.

He'd to be in many halls all at once
Yet he managed to hop, skip & bounce
Cool as a cucumber, agitated not an ounce
Amidst other assignments he'd awards to
announce.

Year after year he kept up the Scientific culture
Peering thru' every detail like a keen vulture
Ensuring there wasn't the tiniest puncture
Adroitly steering clear of anybody's censure.

To pander to everyone's whim, fancy or ego
Or from deftly averting a friend turning foe
Was always a matter of touch & go
He'd buckle or bow but kept away from a row

Everyone marvelled at his organizational skill
Marshalling his resources & ready for the
annual drill
Of AIOC which was filled with Science, fun &
thrill
It seemed novel every year-never run of the mill

Now in his last lap, he'd love a swansong
His name resonating with raagLalith
& his surname nearly rhyming with warm (er)
Yes, dear LalithVerma, you have been to AIOS
Eyes- a real Surma !

Indore : We were all left asking for more

The 77th AIOC in the clean city of Indore
Was really the stuff of conference folklore
That brought the organisers' effort to the fore
Exquisitely enjoyable to the very core.

Held at the Brilliant convention center
Halls A-Q studded with many a lecture
A truly glorious scientific adventure
It turned out to be no ordinary venture.

The LOC left no stone unturned
Attention to every detail at no time spurned
A fare delectable & everyone's goodwill earned
A lesson on hospitality-they 'd so well learned.

Their large hearts matched by the delegates' bag
About which every guest couldn't help but brag
All round help & guidance-no room for any lag
The whole event sailing sans a snag

The Inaugural laser show- a star attraction
Dinners, banquet & street foods adding to the celebration
Preview rooms, audio-visuals to everyone's satisfaction
Everyone treated with utmost affection.

Toothsome cuisine indeed so delicious
Sheer variety both sumptuous & scrumptious
Scientific deliberations no less precious
The sideshows & entertainment wholly
prodigious

Missed a meal ? No worry at all!
Tea, biscuits & snacks in between every hall
Pampered & spoiled, all guests had a ball
What with the LOC at our every beck & call!

Their labour & industry too very palpable
Execution of plans near unbeatable
Indore was not just clean, even lovable
Every host-so kind & warmly affable

When can their glories ever fade
Oh! The excellent fare & fair they made
Kudos to the Indore LOC brigade
For leaving a memory that 'll never fade