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BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2012

Bhubaneswar, 24 August 2012. Nine books of short stories, four of poetry, two of Eassys, one of science fiction and eight writers for their Total Contribution to Children Literature have won the Bal Sahitya Puraskar this year. Sri Ruskin Bond in English and Sri Balshouri Reddy in Hindi have been awarded for their total contribution to children literature.

The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 24 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Sri Sunil Gangopadhyay, President of the Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of short stories include Balaram Basak (Bengali), Yoseph Macwan (Gujarati), Sudha Kharangate (Konkani), Muralidhar Jha (Maithili), Om Prakash Thakur (Sanskrit), Pitambar Hansdah (Santali), Jagdish Lachhani (Sindhi), K.M. Kothandam(Tamil) and Manazir Aashiq Harganvi (Urdu).

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Bansi Lal Sharma (Dogri), Ayub Sabir (Kashmiri), Shishupal Sharma (Nepali) and Reddy Raghavaiah (Telugu).

Those who have won the award for their eassys are Haricharan Boro (Bodo), Deendayal Sharma (Rajasthani). Sagolsem Indrakumar Singh (Manipuri) for his book on science fiction has been honoured.

Santanoo Tamuly (Assamese), Ruskin Bond (English), Balshouri Reddy (Hindi), Palakala Sitaram Bhatta (Kannada), K. Sreekumar (Malayalam), Baba Bhand (Marathi), Ram Prasad Mohanty (Odia) and Mammohan Singh Daun (Punjabi) are among those honoured with the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2012 for their Total Contribution to Children Literature.

The books and writers for their total contribution were selected on the basis of recommendations made by a Jury of three members in the concerned languages in accordance with the procedure laid down for the purpose. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous selections made by the Jurors or selection made on the basis of majority vote. The Awards relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e., between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2010). However, during the initial five years i.e. from 2010 to 2014, the award may be given to an author based on his/her total contribution to Children Literature if no book is considered suitable for the award.

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, shawl and a cheque of Rs. 50,000/- will be presented to the awardees at a special function to be held in November 2012.

(Agrahara Krishna Murthy)

Encls: List of Award-winners List of Jury members

Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2012

Language	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>
Assamese	Total Contribution To Children Literature	Santanoo Tamuly
Bengali	Bhaluker Dolna (Short Stories)	Balaram Basak
Bodo	Okhrangma Isingao (Essays)	Haricharan Boro
Dogri	Dikho Te Sikho (Poetry)	Bansi Lal Sharma
English	Total Contribution To Children Literature	Ruskin Bond
Gujarati	Aav Haya, Varta Kahu(Short Stories)	Yoseph Macwan
Hindi	Total Contribution To Children Literature	Balshouri Reddy
Kannada	Total Contribution To Children Literature	Palakala Sitaram Bhatta
Kashmiri	Gulalane Shadmani (Poetry)	Ayub Sabir
Konkani	Kanni Eka Sunnyachi (Story)	Sudha Kharangate
Maithili	Pilpilha Gachha (Short Stories)	Muralidhar Jha
Malayalam	Total Contribution To Children Literature	K. Sreekumar
Manipuri	Thada Thabaton (Science Fiction)	Sagolsem Indrakumar Singh
Marathi	Total Contribution To Children Literature	Baba Bhand
Nepali	Bal Kavita Kosheli (Poetry)	Shishupal Sharma
Odia	Total Contribution To Children Literature	Ram Prasad Mohanty
Punjabi	Total Contribution To Children Literature	Manmohan Singh Daun
Rajasthani	Baalpane Ri Baatan (Essays)	Deendayal Sharma
Sanskrit	Isap-Katha Nikunjam (Short Stories)	Om Prakash Thakur
Santali	Jib Jiyali Kowag Gidra Kahni (Short Stories)	Pitambar Hansdah
Sindhi	Roshan Rah (Short Stories)	Jagdish Lachhani
Tamil	Kattukkulle Isaivizha (Short Stories)	K. M. Kothandam
Telugu	Chiru Divvelu (Poetry)	Reddy Raghavaiah
Urdu	Jaise Ko Taisa (Short Stories)	Manazir Aashiq Harganvi

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE 2012 BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR

ASSAMESE

- 1) Sri Abhijit Sarma Baruah
- 2) Dr. (Smt.) Bandita Goswami Saikia
- 3) Sri Gagan Chandra Adhikari

BENGALI

- 1) Dr. Alok Ray
- 2) Sri Arun Basu
- 3) Sri Debasish Bandyopadhyay

BODO

- 1) Sri Bhupendra Narayan Basumatary
- 2) Sri Binanda Swargiary
- 3) Sri Bisweswar Basumatary

DOGRI

- 1) Smt. Sudesh Raj
- 2) Prof. Shiv Nirmohi
- 3) Sri Ved Rahi

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- 1) Sri Arup Dutta
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- 1) Sri Dhirendra Mehta
- 2) Ms. Kaajal Oza- Vaidya
- 3) Sri Yeshwant Mehta

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- 1) Sri Bharat Bhardwaj
- 2) Sri Harpal Singh "Arush"
- 3) Prof. Revati Raman

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- 1) Sri Jayant Kaikini
- 2) Smt. Savitha Nagabhushana
- 3) Smt. Vaidehi

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- 1) Sri Bashir Baderwahi
- 2) Prof. Gh. Mohd. Shad
- 3) Prof. Neerja Mattoo

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- 1) Dr. Gunaji Sadanand Desai
- 2) Sri Melvyn Rodrigues
- 3) Prof. Purnanand Chari

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- 1) Sri Bhagya Narayan Jha
- 2) Dr. Mahendra Narain Karna
- 3) Sri Mohan Bharadwaj

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- 1) Smt. Prema Jayakumar
- 2) Sri P.V. Krishnan Nair
- 3) Sri U. A. Khader

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- 1) Sri Yumlembam Ibomcha Singh
- 2) Prof. P. Nabachandra Singh
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- 1) Sri Arun Sadhu
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- 3) Dr. M.S. Pagare

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- 1) Sri Buddhadeb Dewan
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- Sri Mitra Dev Sharma

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- 1) Dr. Sarat Ch. Rath
- 2) Dr. Dipty Patnaik
- 3) Sri J.P. Das

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- 1) Sri Baldev Singh (Sadaknama)
- 2) Dr. Hardiljit Singh Gosal
- 3) Sri Khalid Husain

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- 1) Sri Arjun Singh Shekhawat
- 2) Dr. Laxmikant Vyas
- 3) Sri Onkarsree

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- 1) Prof. B. Narasimha Charyulu
- 2) Dr. Satyanarayan Acharya
- 3) Prof. Ashok Kumar Kalia

SANTALI

- 1) Sri Badal Hembram
- 2) Sri Kherwal Saren
- 3) Sri Santon Hansda

SINDHI

- 1) Sri Kanyalal Goplani
- 2) Dr. Satish Rohra
- 3) Sri Vasdev Nirmal

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- 1) Sri Paza Viswanathan
- 2) Sri Salem Ganesan
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- 1) Dr. Velaga Venkatappaiah
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- 1) Prof. Afaq Ahmed
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- 3) Sri Nusrat Zaheer