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BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2013

Chennai, 23 August 2013. Nine books of stories, two of poetry, one of novel, one of essays, one of plays, one collection of essays with poetry and nine writers for their Total Contribution to Children Literature have won the Bal Sahitya Puraskar this year.

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 Dr. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President of the Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of stories include Narayan Debnath (Bengali), Jatindra Nath Swargiary (Bodo), Krishan Sharma (Dogri), Raghu Leishangthem (Manipuri), Vimla Bhandari (Rajasthani), Vasudev 'Nirmal' (Sindhi), Revathy (E.S. Hariharan) (Tamil), D. Sujatha Devi (Telugu) and Asad Raza (Urdu).

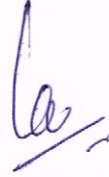
Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Ramesh Tailang (Hindi) and Sari Dharam Hansda (Santali). Dhirendra Kumar Jha (Maithili) for his book of essays has been honoured. H.R. Vishvasa for his book of plays has been honoured. Maya Anil Kharangate for her novel and Rashid Kanispori for his collection of essays with poetry has been honoured.

Toshaprabha Kalita (Assamese), Anita Nair (English), Shraddha Trivedi (Gujarati), H.S. Venkateshmurthy (Kannada), Sumangala (Leela Namboothiripad) (Malayalam), Anant Bhawe (Marathi), Bhotu Pradhan (Nepali), Nadiya Bihari Mohanty (Odia) and Kamaljit Neelon (Punjabi) are among those honoured with the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2013 for their Total Contribution to Children Literature.

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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 selection 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 2007 and 31 December 2011). 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 on 15 November 2013 at Goa.



(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encls: List of Award-winners
List of Jury members

Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2013

| <u>Language</u> | <u>Title and Genre</u> | <u>Author</u> |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Assamese | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Toshaprabha Kalita |
| Bengali | Comics Samagra – Vol. 1& 2 (Stories) | Narayan Debnath |
| Bodo | Birbalni Solo (Stories) | Jatindra Nath Swargiary |
| Dogri | Khadaune (Stories) | Krishan Sharma |
| English | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Anita Nair |
| Gujarati | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Shraddha Trivedi |
| Hindi | Mere Priya Baalgeet (Poetry) | Ramesh Tailang |
| Kannada | Total Contribution To Children Literature | H.S. Venkateshmurthy |
| Kashmiri | Gul Te Bulbul (Essays & Poetry) | Rashid Kanispori |
| Konkani | Ranachya Manant (Novel) | Maya Anil Kharangate |
| Maithili | Hamra Beech Vigyan (Essays) | Dhirendra Kumar Jha |
| Malayalam | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Sumangala (Leela Namboothiripad) |
| Manipuri | Patpangi Thoibi (Stories) | Raghu Leishangthem |
| Marathi | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Anant Bhave |
| Nepali | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Bhotu Pradhan |
| Odia | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Nadiya Bihari Mohanty |
| Punjabi | Total Contribution To Children Literature | Kamaljit Neelon |
| Rajasthani | Anmol Bhent (Stories) | Vimla Bhandari |
| Sanskrit | Marjalasya Mukham Drishtam (Plays) | H.R. Vishvasa |
| Santali | Dombe Baha (Poetry) | Sari Dharam Hansda |
| Sindhi | Moonkhe Char Puchh, Re! (Stories) | Vasudev 'Nirmal' |
| Tamil | Pavalam Thantha Parisu (Stories) | Revathy (E.S. Hariharan) |
| Telugu | Aatalo Aratipandu (Stories) | D. Sujatha Devi |
| Urdu | Nanhe Munno Ki Sarkar (Stories) | Asad Raza |

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE 2013 BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR**ASSAMESE**

- 1) Sri Devabrata Das
- 2) Sri Hirendra Nath Dutta
- 3) Sri Prafulla Chandra Bora

BENGALI

- 1) Prof. Pabitra Sarkar
- 2) Sri Ranjit Das
- 3) Sri Sailen Ghose

BODO

- 1) Sri Aurobindo Uzir
- 2) Sri Gobinda Narzary
- 3) Dr. Rita Boro

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- 1) Sri Abhishap (Kuldeep Kumar Sharma)
- 2) Prof. Archana Kesar
- 3) Sri Prakash Premi

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- 1) Prof. Anisur Rahman
- 2) Dr. Arshia Sattar
- 3) Ms. Namita Gokhale

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- 1) Sri Chandrakant Topiwala
- 2) Sri Harshad Trivedi
- 3) Dr. Usha Upadhyay

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- 1) Dr. Balashowri Reddy
- 2) Sri Prakash Manu
- 3) Prof. Ramesh Kuntal Megh

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- 1) Sri Bolwar Mahamad Kunhi
- 2) Sri Devu Pattar
- 3) Dr. Krishnamurthy Hanur

KASHMIRI

- 1) Sri Fayaz Tilgami
- 2) Dr. Iqbal Nazki
- 3) Prof. Shad Ramzan

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- 1) Sri Damodar Mauzo
- 2) Dr. (Smt.) Madhavi Sardesai
- 3) Dr. Prakash R. Vazrikar

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- 1) Dr. Amar Nath Choudhary
- 2) Prof. Bhuvaneshwar Prasad Gurumaita
- 3) Dr. Sureshwar Jha

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- 1) Sri M.K. Sanoo
- 2) Dr. M.M. Basheer
- 3) Sri Perumbadavam Sridharan

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- 1) Dr. Kojiam Shantibala Devi
- 2) Sri Longjam Joychandra Singh
- 3) Dr. N. Khagendra Singh

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- 1) Sri Baba Bhand
- 2) Dr. Rajan Gavas
- 3) Sri Satish Alekar

NEPALI

- 1) Dr. Bhabani Prasad Sharma
- 2) Sri Durgaprasad Shrestha
- 3) Ms. Indramani Darnal

ODIA

- 1) Smt. Amulyamani Mishra
- 2) Prof. Ganeswar Mishra
- 3) Prof. Maheswar Mohanty

PUNJABI

- 1) Dr. Mohanjit
- 2) Sri Nachhatar
- 3) Dr. Surjit Patar

RAJASTHANI

- 1) Dr. Jyotipunj
- 2) Sri Laxman Dan Kaviya
- 3) Sri Mohan Alok

SANSKRIT

- 1) Dr. Kala Nath Shastri
- 2) Prof. V. Kutumba Sastry
- 3) Prof. Radhakant Thakur

SANTALI

- 1) Sri Aditya Kumar Mandi
- 2) Sri Gorachand Murmu
- 3) Sri Jamadar Kisku

SINDHI

- 1) Sri Mohan Gehani
- 2) Dr. Jagdish Lachhani
- 3) Smt. Kala Prakash

TAMIL

- 1) Dr. A.A. Manavalan
- 2) Prof. (Smt.) R. Meenakshi (Ira. Meenakshi)
- 3) Sri Kurinjivelan

TELUGU

- 1) Prof. N. Bhakthavatsala Reddy
- 2) Sri Syed Saleem
- 3) Sri Vasireddy Naveen

URDU

- 1) Sri Abdul Rehman
- 2) Sri Sham Sunder Anand Lahar
- 3) Sri Suleman Khumar