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PRESS RELEASE

BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2018

The Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today at Guwahati, under the Chairmanship of its President, Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar approved selection of 23 writers (as given at Annexure 'A' attached) for the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2018. The books were selected on the basis of recommendations made by the Jury comprising of three members each in the concerned language in accordance with the rules and procedure laid down for the purpose. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous/majority vote by the Jury. The Awards relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e. between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2016). However, during the initial ten years i.e. from 2010 to 2019, the award may also be given to an author based on his/her total contribution to Children Literature.

The name of the Jury members on whose recommendations the Bal Sahitya Puraskar were declared are given language wise at Annexure 'B' attached.

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque and a cheque of Rs. 50,000/- will be presented to the awardees at a special function to be held on 14 November 2018.



(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encls: Annexure 'A'
Annexure 'B'

Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2018

<u>Language</u>	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>
Assamese	Sonbali Bagichar Bhoot (Novel)	Jugallochan Das
Bengali	Total Contribution	Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay
Bodo	Gotho Gothaini Solo Bhata (Short Stories)	Sitaram Basumatary
English	Son of the Thundercloud (Fables)	Easterine Kire
Gujarati	Total Contribution	Chandrakant Sheth
Hindi	Mere Man Ki Bal Kahaniyan (Short Stories)	Divik Ramesh
Kannada	Total Contribution	Kanchyani Sharanappa Shivasangappa
Kashmiri	Tchonchi Poot (Poetry)	Zareef Ahmad Zareef
Konkani	Monitor (Short Stories)	Kumud Bhiku Naik
Maithili	Khissa Sunu Bau (Short Stories)	Vaidya Nath Jha
Malayalam	Olachootintte Velicham (Short Stories)	P.K. Gopi
Manipuri	Mahousha Lairembigee Mashaigonda Thirushi Lao Yenglushi Lao (Poetry)	Khangembam Shamungou
Marathi	Total Contribution	Ratnakar Matkari
Nepali	Baal Koseli (Short Stories)	Bhim Pradhan
Odia	Rumku Jhuma (Poetry)	Birendra Mohanty
Punjabi	Tahli Wali Gali (Novel)	Tarsem
Rajasthani	Chada Chadi Ki Kheti (Short Stories)	C.L. Sankhla
Sanskrit	Shanaih Shanaih (Poetry)	Sampadanand Mishra
Santali	Budi Goag Gam Thaylag (Short Stories)	Laxminarayan Hansda
Sindhi	Suhini Daian (Short Stories)	Kalpana Ashok Chellani
Tamil	Siragu Mulaitha Yaanai (Poetry)	Kriungai Sethupathy
Telugu	Aananda Lokam	Naramshetti Umamaheswar Rao
Urdu	Batooni Ladki (Short Stories)	Rais Siddiqui

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE 2018 BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR

ASSAMESE

Sri AnubhabTulashi
Sri Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami
Sri Utpal Dutta

BENGALI

Sri Deviprasad Bandyopadhyay
Sri Ranjit Das
Sri Subash Bhattacharya

BODO

Sri Gobinda Narzary
Sri Rituraj Basumatary
Sri Uthrisar Khungar Basumatary

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Sri Magudeswaran
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PRESS RELEASE
POETRY DOMINATES SAHITYA AKADEMI YUVA PURASKAR 2018

Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Yuva Puraskar in 22 languages today. Ten books of poetry, seven of short stories, three of novel and one of play have won the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2018.

The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 22 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Samragnee Bandyopadhyay (Bengali), Esha Dadawala (Gujarati), Aasteek Vajpeyi (Hindi), Wilma Bantwal (Konkani), Umesh Paswan (Maithili), Tongbram Amarjit Singh (Manipuri), Jayadratha Suna (Odia), Dushyant Joshi (Rajasthani), Muni Rajsundar Vijay (Sanskrit), Bala Sudhakar Mouli (Telugu).

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of short stories include Bipasha Bora (Assamese), Padmanabha Bhat (Kannada), Dheeba Nazir (Kashmiri), Chhuden Kabimu (Nepali), Rani Murmu (Santali), Suneel Krishnan (Tamil), Shahnaz Rahman (Urdu).

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of Novel include Amal (Malayalam), Navnath Gore (Marathi), Gurpreet Sehji (Punjabi) and for Play, Champa Chetnani (Sindhi).

According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous or selection on the basis of majority vote made by the Jury. The Award relates to books published by an author of the age of 35 and below as on 1st January of the year of the award.

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


(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encls: List of Award-winners
List of Jury members

Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2018

<u>Language</u>	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>
Assamese	Mou-Makshi Samrajya (Short Stories)	Bipasha Bora
Bengali	Khelnabatir Din Sesh (Poetry)	Samragnee Bandyopadhyay
English	No book found suitable	
Gujarati	Janmaaro (Poetry)	Esha Dadawala
Hindi	Thartharahat (Poetry)	Aasteek Vajpeyi
Kannada	Kepina Dabbi (Short Stories)	Padmanabha Bhat
Kashmiri	Za'reen Zakham (Short Stories)	Dheeba Nazir
Konkani	Mukhaddin (Poetry)	Vilma Bantwal
Maithili	Varnit Rasa (Poetry)	Umesh Paswan
Malayalam	Vyasanamuchayam (Novel)	Amal
Manipuri	Loubukki Manam (Poetry)	Tongbram Amarjit Singh
Marathi	Fesati (Novel)	Navnath Gore
Nepali	1986 (Short Stories)	Chhuden Kabimu
Odia	Sosa (Poetry)	Jayadratha Suna
Punjabi	Balora (Novel)	Gurpreet Sehji
Rajasthani	Ekar Aajya Re Chand (Poetry)	Dushyant Joshi
Sanskrit	Chitrakavyadarshanam (Poetry)	Muni Rajsundar Vijay
Santali	Hopon Mayak Kukmu (Short Stories)	Rani Murmu
Sindhi	Sabla Nari (Play)	Champa Chetnam
Tamil	Ambu Padukkai (Short Stories)	Suneel Krishnan
Telugu	Aaku Kadalani Chota (Poetry)	Bala Sudhakar Mouli
Urdu	Nairang-E-Junoon (Short Stories)	Shahnaz Rahman

BODO - TO BE DECLARED AT A LATER DATE
DOGRI - NO AWARD

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Dr. Upen Rabha Hakacham

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Sri Pronab Kumar Mukhopadhyay
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Sri Dharendra Mehta
Sri Hardwar Goswami

HINDI

Prof. Ashtabhuja Shukla
Dr. Sudhkar Adeeb
Ms. Suryabala

KANNADA

Sri P.V. Narayana
Sri Padmaraj Dandavati
Sri T.P. Ashok

KASHMIRI

Dr. Roop Krishan Bhat
Sri Mohammad Yusuf Taing
Sri Ranjoor Tilgami

KONKANI

Sri Anant Agni
Prof. Arun Sakhardande
Sri Basti Vaman Shenoy

MAITHILI

Dr. Bhola Jha
Dr. Devkant Jha
Dr. Vidyanath Jha

MALAYALAM

Dr. M.D. Radhika
Prof. K.G. Shankara Pillai
Prof. Lakshmi Shankar

MANIPURI

Prof. H. Nonikumar Singh
Sri Keisham Priyokumar Singh
Sri Raghu Leishangthem

MARATHI

Sri R.R. Borade
Sri Satish Alekar
Sri Vasant Abaji Dahake

NEPALI

Sri Ananda Kharkha
Sri Kedar Gurung
Sri Yogbir Sakya

ODIA

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Sri Paresh Kumar Patnaik
Smt. Sakuntala Baliar Singh

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Dr. Hardiljeet Singh Gossal
Dr. Mahal Singh

RAJASTHANI

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Sri Nand Bhardwaj

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SANTALI

Sri Dilip Mandi
Sri Rambay Hembram
Sri Surya Singh Besra

SINDHI

Sri Baldev Matlani
Sri Mohan Gehani
Sri Goverdhan Sharma Ghayal

TAMIL

Sri Nanjil Nadan
Dr. Rama Gurunathan
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