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PRESS NOTE

Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman

Sahitya Akademi has announced Bhasha Samman to writer/ scholar **Dr. Jaspal Singh** in recognition of his significant contribution to Classical and Medieval Literature (Northern) and to **Sri Vasant Nirgune** for his valuable contribution to the enrichment of **Bhili** language which is not recognised by the Akademi.

Each Bhasha Samman carries a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-, an inscribed copper plaque and citation. The Samman will be presented to them by the President of the Sahitya Akademi at a special function to be held later.

The brief bio-datas of both the Bhasha Samman Awardees and the names of the members of the Jury on whose recommendations the Bhasha Samman's were declared are given below:

Dr. Jaspal Singh is an eminent diplomat, scholar, teacher and educationist. He is currently the Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi Univesity, Patiala. He has made valuable contribution in the area of Medieval Punjabi literature and on the patronymic text of India's traditions of thought, *Guru Granth Sahib*. This has influenced the study of Punjabi language and has been widely recognized and acknowledged.

Sri Vasant Nirgune is a Bhili scholar. He has worked extensively on Bheel, Gond tribes and has published many works on various aspects of the cultures of Gond, Bega, Kurku, Sahriya, Bharia and Bheel tribes. He has also produced five short documentary films on the tribal art tradition. He has received awards like Gangaur Samman (1997), Khandwa, Shreshtha Kalacharya (1999), Jin Shashan Ratna (2004) and Bhairaji Samman 2006 etc.

LANGUAGE

NAME OF THE JURY MEMBERS

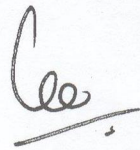
CLASSICAL & MEDIEVAL LITERATURE

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