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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

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