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BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2018

Sahitya Akademi is organizing award ceremony to present the awards to its Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2018 awardees at 4.00 pm on Wednesday, 14th November 2018 at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim. Vice President, Dr. Madhav Kaushik, will present the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2018 to 23 awardees 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 the special function. Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2018 Awardees are Jugal Lochan Das (Assamese), Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay (Bengali), Sita Ram Basumatary (Bodo), Easterine Kire (English), Chandrakant Trikamlal Sheth (Gujarati), Divik Ramesh (Hindi), Kanchyani Sharanappa Shivasangappa (Kannada), Zareef Ahmad Zareef (Kashmiri), Kumud Bhiku Naik (Konkani), Vaidya Nath Jha (Maithili), P.K. Gopi (Malayalam), Khangembam Shamungou (Manipuri), Ratnakar Matkari (Marathi), Bhim Pradhan (Nepali), Birendra Mohanty (Odia), Tarsem (Punjabi), Chhitarlal Sankhla (Rajasthani), Sampadananda Mishra (Sanskrit), Laxminarayan Hansda (Santali), Kalpana Ashok Chellani (Sindhi), Kirungai Sethupathi (Tamil), Naramsetti Umamaheswararao (Telugu) and Rais Siddiqui (Urdu).

The Award ceremony will begin at 4:00 pm with the welcome speech by Dr. K Sreenivasarao, Secretary Sahitya Akademi. Eminent Assamese Writer Dr. Nagen Saikia will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Vice President, Sri Madhav Kaushik, Sahitya Akademi will also address the gathering.

On Thursday, 15th November 2018, Writers' Meet will be held at 09.00 a.m. at Janta Bhavan, Gangtok, Sikkim where the award winning authors will speak about their works and experiences. Dr. Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi will preside the session. Thereafter at 11.30 a.m., Symposium on 'The Evolution of Children's Literature' will be inaugurated. Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi will welcome the Guest of Honour Smt. Shanti Chhetri, an eminent Nepali Writer.

The first session at 01.30 p.m. will be chaired by Dr. Dhruba Jyoti Borah. Dr. Pabitra Sarkar (Bengali), Ms. Rashmi Narzary (English), Sri Radhesh Tolpadi (Kannada), Dr. Radhika C.Nair (Malayalam), Dr. Vishal Tayade (Marathi) and Dr. Manorama Biswal Mohapatra (Odia) will share their experiences. Sri Shankar Deo Dhakal, Member, Nepali Advisory Board will deliver Vote of Thanks at the end of the programme.


(K. Sreenivasarao)