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**BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2014**

Guwahati, 22 August 2014. Seven books of stories, six of poetry, one of novel, one of essays and eight 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 Surya Ashok (Konkani), Rajkumar Bhubonsana (Manipuri), Munni Sapkota (Nepali), Kulbir Singh Suri (Punjabi), Neeraj Dahiya (Rajasthani), Era. Natarajan (Tamil) and Dasari Venkataramana (Telugu).

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Kaushalya Brahma (Bodo), Dhian Singh (Dogri), Dinesh Chamola "Sailesh" (Hindi), (Late) Jeevakant (Maithili), Kanhailal Tudu (Santali) and Mahboob Rahi (Urdu).

Dinesh Chandra Goswami (Assamese) for his book of essays and Hamid Siraj (Kashmiri) for his Novelette has been honoured. There is no award in Sanskrit language.

Gouri Dharmapal (Bengali), Subhadra Sen Gupta (English), Ishwar Parmar (Gujarati), Anand V. Patil (Kannada), K.V. Ramanathan (Malayalam), Madhuri Purandare (Marathi), Dash Benhur (Jitendra Narayan Dash) (Odia) and Vashdev 'Sindhu Bharati' (Sindhi) are among those honoured with the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2014 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 2008 and 31 December 2012). 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 14 November 2014 at Bengaluru.



(K. Sreenivasarao)

**Encls:** List of Award-winners  
List of Jury members

**Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2014**

<b><u>Language</u></b>	<b><u>Title and Genre</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>
Assamese	<b>Bijnanar Anupam Jagat (Essays)</b>	<b>Dinesh Chandra Goswami</b>
Bengali	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>Gouri Dharmapal</b>
Bodo	<b>Gothosaorni Rao (Poetry)</b>	<b>Kaushalya Brahma</b>
Dogri	<b>Pardhe Nyaane Gurdhe Syaane (Poetry)</b>	<b>Dhian Singh</b>
English	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>Subhadra Sen Gupta</b>
Gujarati	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>Ishwar Parmar</b>
Hindi	<b>Gayain Geet Gyan-Vigyan Ke (Poetry)</b>	<b>Dinesh Chamola "Shailesh"</b>
Kannada	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>Anand V. Patil</b>
Kashmiri	<b>Haari Jang (Novelette)</b>	<b>Hamid Siraj</b>
Konkani	<b>Bhurgyanlo Samsar (Stories)</b>	<b>Surya Ashok</b>
Maithili	<b>Hamar Athanni Khaslai Van Me (Poetry)</b>	<b>(Late) Jeevakant</b>
Malayalam	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>K.V. Ramanathan</b>
Manipuri	<b>Sana Kokchao Amasung Bhut Ningthou (Stories)</b>	<b>Rajkumar Bhubonsana</b>
Marathi	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>Madhuri Purandare</b>
Nepali	<b>Junkiri (Stories)</b>	<b>Munni Sapkota</b>
Odia	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>Dash Benhur (Jitendra Narayan Dash)</b>
Punjabi	<b>Rajkumar Da Supna (Stories)</b>	<b>Kulbir Singh Suri</b>
Rajasthani	<b>Jaadoo Ro Pen (Stories)</b>	<b>Neeraj Dahiya</b>
Sanskrit	<b>NO AWARD</b>	
Santali	<b>Bachra Bayar (Poetry)</b>	<b>Kanhailal Tudu</b>
Sindhi	<b>Total Contribution To Children Literature</b>	<b>Vashdev 'Sindhu Bharati'</b>
Tamil	<b>Vigghana Vikramaathithan Kathaikal (Stories)</b>	<b>Era. Natarajan</b>
Telugu	<b>Anandam (Stories)</b>	<b>Dasari Venkataramana</b>
Urdu	<b>Rangarang Phulwari (Poetry)</b>	<b>Mahboob Rahi</b>

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