



## Press Release

### **Sahitya Akademi – Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2025**

New Delhi, 12 November 2025, the annual awards in the genre of children's literature – the Bal Sahitya Puraskar of the Sahitya Akademi will be held on Friday, 14 November 2025 in the Triveni Auditorium, Tansen Marg, New Delhi. The awards will be presented by the President of the Akademi, Madhav Kaushik. Eminent Gujarati writer, Varsha Das will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest, and the Vice President of the Akademi, Kumud Sharma will propose the vote of thanks. Welcome address will be delivered by Secretary of Sahitya Akademi, Pallavi Prashant Holkar.

The awarded books and the awardees are : Assamese – *Mainaahantar Padya* (poetry), Surendra Mohan Das; Bengali – *Ekhono Gaye Kanta Daye* (stories), Tridib Kumar Chattopadhyay; Bodo – *Khanthi Bwswn Arw Akhu Danai* (stories), Binay Kumar Brahma; Dogri – *Nanhi Tor* (poetry), P.L. Parihar 'Shauq'; English – *Dakshin : South Indian Myths and Fables Retold* (stories), Nitin Kushalappa MP; Gujarati – *Tinchak* (poetry), Kirtida Brahmbhatt; Hindi – *Ek Batey Barah* (non-fiction & memoir), Susheel Shukla; Kannada – *Notebook* (short stories), K. Shivalingappa Handihal; Kashmiri – *Shure Te Tchure Gyush* (short stories), Izhar Mubashir; Konkani – *Belabaicho Shanker Ani Heir Kanyo* (stories), Nayana Adarkar; Maithili - *Chukka* (short stories), Munni Kamat; Malayalam - *Penguinukalude Vankaravil* (novel), Sreejith Moothedath; Manipuri – *Angangshing-Gee Shannabungshida* (play), Shanto M.; Marathi – *Abhaimaya* (poetry), Suresh Govindrao Sawant; Nepali – *Shanti Van* (novel), Sangmu Lepcha; Odia – *Kete Phula Phutichi* (poetry), Rajakishore Parhi; Punjabi – *Jaddu Patta* (novel), Pali Khadim (Amrit Pal Singh); Rajasthani – *Pankheruv Ni Peeda* (play), Bhogilal Patidar; Sanskrit – *Balvisvam* (poetry), Preeti R. Pujara; Santali – *Sona Miru-ag Sandesh* (poetry), Haralal Murmu, Sindhi - *Asmani Pari* (poetry), Heena Agnani 'Heer'; Tamil – *Ottrai Siragu Oviya* (novel), Vishnupuram Sarvanan; Telugu – *Kaburla Devatha* (story), Gangisetty Sivakumar; Urdu – *Qaumi Sitare* (articles), Ghazanfar Iqbal.

The awardees shall receive a cheque for Rs.50,000/- each and a bronze plaque in recognition of their works.

On the following day, i.e. 15 November 2025, an Awardee's Meet is scheduled to be held in the auditorium of the Akademi in its Ravindra Bhawan building at Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi. The awardees shall dwell on their creative experiences in the Meet, which will be chaired by the Vice President of the Akademi, Kumud Sharma.



(Pallavi Prashant Holkar)