



Bal Sahitya Puraskar awarded

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The Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar, the award for children's literature annually given by Sahitya Akademi, has been announced in Konkani language, this year for Goan writer Jyoti Kunkolienkar.

She has won the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2022 for her children's novel, 'Mayuri'.

The book narrates the tale of a young girl, who grows in her maternal home amidst nature. The novel traces her journey as she becomes a Superintendent of Police, learning from injustice and fighting against it.

Kunkolienkar has been chosen for the award by a unanimous decision.

The same award has been announced for 'Mahabharata for Children' (fiction/mythology) written by Arshia Sattar, in English category. 'Piyuchi Vahi' (novel) by Sangeeta Barve, received the award in Marathi language category, while 'Kshama Sharma ki Chuninda Baal Kahaniyan' (short stories) has been declared the winner for this award in the Hindi category.

'Sachitram Prahelikasatkam' (poetry) by Kuldeep Sharma is the winner in Sanskrit language category.

Altogether, children's books in 22 Indian languages received this award. No Bal Sahitya Puraskar has been announced in Punjabi language this year, while that in Santhali would be declared at a later date.

The previous Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar for Konkani language was awarded in 2019 for the book 'Chitkulya Chinkichye Vishaal Vishwa' (stories) written by Rajashree Bandodkar Karapurkar.

Bal Sahitya Puraskar is conferred on outstanding and meritorious children's books annually in the 24 languages recognised by the Akademi. It carries a plaque, a shawl, a citation and a cheque for Rs 50,000.

Fr Myron Jeson Barreto has been awarded Yuva Puraskar 2022 for his collection of essays titled, 'Tallo - The Voice'. The Konkani jury members comprised Datta Naik, Harishchandra Nagvenkar, Sheela Kolambkar, Kiran Mhambrey, SM Krishna Rao and Shailendra Mehta.