

**Sahitya Akademi Fellowship award:** Sahitya Akademi's highest honour ~ the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship ~ was awarded to eminent English writer and scholar Ruskin Bond. Due to his ill health, this honour was given to Bond by Sahitya Akademi president Madhav Kaushik and Sahitya Akademi Secretary K Sreenivasarao, at his Mussoorie home. Bond's son was also present on the occasion. Born on 19 May 1934 in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, Ruskin Bond has been active in the world of writing for more than 50 years and has written in various genres of literature. He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1992 for his story collection *Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra*. He was also honoured with Padma Shri in 2000. Padma

