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PRESS NOTE
Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman 2023

The Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met at Statue of Unity, Kevadia, Gujarat on Saturday, 15 June 2024, under the Chairmanship of its President, Sri Madhav Kaushik, approved Bhasha Sammans to two writers/scholars in recognition of their valuable contribution in the field of **Classical and Medieval Literature from the Northern and Southern Regions for the year 2023**.

Bhasha Samman carries a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, an inscribed copper plaque and citation. The Sammans will be presented to them by the President of the Sahitya Akademi at a special function to be held later. The brief bio-data of the Bhasha Samman Awardees and the names of the members of the Jury are given below:

NORTHERN REGION (2023)

Prof. Avtar Singh is a retired Professor of Punjabi, an essayist, a speaker and a biographer. He authored three books, *Sikh Saintan*, *Ratnawali* and *An Essayist Kapur Singh*. He is an essayist par excellence, a new age essayist who composes his thoughts on the digital platform, the Facebook, reflecting on the issues of concern for the people and showing them up in their true light. He is an extraordinary practitioner of Punjabi language. He has participated in many national and international seminars and conferences, and has made outstanding contribution to the field of Classical and Medieval Literature.

JURY: Prof. Jaspal Singh, Dr. Sheen Kaaf Nizam and Prof. Rajnish Kumar Mishra.

SOUTHERN REGION (2023)

Dr. K.G. Paulose is a Sanskrit scholar of the University of Kerala, knows English, Sanskrit and Malayalam. He has made outstanding contribution to the field of Classical and Medieval Literature. He has authored 20 books in English, Malayalam and edited over fifty books. He published 50 research papers and over one hundred papers in Sanskrit on various aspects of theatre, literary criticism, social and contemporary issues. He is associated with different academic positions. Dr. Paulose is a recipient of several awards that include Kerala Sanskrit Academy Award, Abudhabi Sakti Award, Kerala Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, Dr. C.P. Menon Smaraka Puraskaram.

JURY: Dr. C. Rajendran, Dr. R. Anantha Padmanabha Rao and Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah.

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