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Presentation of Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2022  
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**New Delhi, Monday, 14 November 2022,** Sahitya Akademi presented its Bal Sahitya Puraskar for the year 2022 at a glittering ceremony at 5.00 p.m. today held at Triveni Auditorium New Delhi to 23 children writers in various Indian languages from across the country. The names of the awardees are – Diganta Oza (Assamese), Joya Mitra (Bengali), Dewbar Ramchiary (Bodo), Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' (Dogri), Arshia Sattar (English), Kirit Goswami (Gujarati), Kshma Sharma (Hindi), Tammanna Narayana Komar (Tammanna Beegar) Kannada, Hamidullah Wani (Qamer Hamidullah) (Kashmiri) Jyoti Kunkoliekar (Konkani), Birendra Jha (Maithili), A. Sethumadhavan (Sethu) (Malayalam), Naorem Lokeshwore Singh (Manipuri), Sangeeta Rajeev Barve (Marathi), Meena Subba (Nepali), Narendra Prasad Das (Odia), Vishwamitra Dadhich (Rajasthani), Kuldeep Sharma (Sanskrit), Ganesh Marandi (Santali), Manohar Nihalani (Sindhi), G. Meenakshi (Tamil), Pattripaka Mohan (Telugu) and Zafar Kamali (Urdu).

At the outset, in his welcome address, Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi said that the importance and relevance of children's literature in society has increased manifold in today society. It is a well-known fact and well documented that every society that has children who are creative and strong physically and mentally, are the vital assets to any civilization. It is high time that children literature becomes main stream literature in all the languages in the country. Sahitya Akademi has been working on many significant project for children. Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi in his brief speech said that children are full of energy, enthusiasm and curiosity. The are the seeds of our environment which grow into huge trees. So proper care of their childhood is very important. Sri Prakash Manu who was the Chief Guest at the award presentation ceremony recalled his childhood experiences. He said if there is God, it is in children, in their smile and in their innocence. He said when he sit to write for children, he feels his soul has purified. When a children writer bring smile on their face, he is doing what has been left incomplete by the God. Sri Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi in his concluding remarks congratulated all the award winners and said that it has been a long tradition of writing for children in India. If we creat children's literature, then our writing becomes pure. Creating children literatuer is a big challenge, particularly, in the changing society and children writers must write to give new direction to children. The award carries an amount of Rs.50,000/- and a plaque.

(K. Sreenivasarao)