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PRESS NOTE

Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman

Sahitya Akademi has announced Bhasha Samman to writer/ scholar **Professor Shrikant Bahulkar** in recognition of his significant contribution to Classical and Medieval Literature (Western Region).

The Bhasha Samman carries a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-, an inscribed copper plaque and citation. The Samman will be presented to him 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 on whose recommendations the Bhasha Samman's were declared are given below:

Professor Shrikant Bahulkar: is an eminent scholar, teacher and educationist. He is currently the Chairman, Executive Board, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute. Professor Bahulkar is known for his teaching and research in the Sanskrit language, with its development through the ages, beginning with Vedic Sanskrit to modern Sanskrit. Besides he knows the middle Indic languages, such as Pali, Prakrit and Buddhist hybrid Sanskrit and is much familiar with Buddhist Tantric Sanskrit which is much different from the classical Sanskrit. He knows Sanskrit, Tibetan, Pali, Prakrit, Marathi, Hindi and Japanese. His important works including Pradipoddyotana-tika-satkotivyakha, Candrakirti's Commentary on the Guhayasamajatantra (revised edition of the Sanskrit Text), forthcoming, The Samputa Tantra (Critical Edition of the Sanskrit and Tibetan Text), Baudhastotraratnakara (Collection of Buddhist Sanskrit Stotras). Bibliography of Dietetics in Ancient and Medieval India, Indian Fire Ritual and Medical Ritual in the Atharvaveda Tradition etc. He has been honoured and awarded by national and international organizations.

Name of Bhasha Samman Awardee	Name of the Jury Members	
Professor Shrikant Bahulkar (in the field of Classical & Medieval Literature)	Sri Pundalik Narayan Naik Sri Vasdev Mohi Dr. Sadanand Shridhar More	

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