

DOL TO PRESENT 'BHASHA PURASKAR' AWARDS ON FEB 25

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The Directorate of Official Language (DOL), has announced to present the Bhasha Puraskar Awards for the year **2019-2020**, **2020-2021** and 2021-2022. The presentation of these awards will be held at the hands of Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant on **March 5**, 2024 from 5.00 pm onwards in the multipurpose hall of Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji, Goa.

The 'Bhasha Puraskar Yojana' is implemented for the development of languages through the Directorate of Official Language. The award is given to individuals who have worked for the Konkani, Marathi and Sanskrit languages throughout their lives. The objective of the Government is to put the example of such great personalities before the people and to honour the writers and recognise their work for the growth of the language.

This time for the year 2019-2020 the 'Dnyanpeeth Awardee Ravindra Kelekar Konkani Bhasha Puraskar' has been declared to Shri. Pundalik Narayan Naik, the 'B. D. Satoskar Marathi Bhasha Puraskar' to Shri. Ulhas Kusht Prabhu Dessai and the 'Durgaram Upadhe Sanskrit Bhasha Puraskar' to Shri. Laxman Krishna Pitre.

The 2020-2021 'Dnyanpeeth Ravindra Kelekar Konkani Bhasha Puraskar' has been announced to Shrimati Meena Suresh Kakodkar, 'B. D. Satoskar Marathi Bhasha Puraskar' to Somnath Datta Komarpant and the 'Durgaram Upadhe Sanskrit Bhasha Puraskar' to Shri. Manohar Dattaram Amshekar.

The 2021-2022 'Dnyanpeeth Ravindra Kelekar Konkani Bhasha Puraskar' has been declared to Shri. Ashok Pandurang Bhonsle, 'B. D.

Satoskar Marathi Bhasha Puraskar' to Shri. Gurudas Sitaram Sawal and The Sanskrit language award has not been given for the year 2021-2022 as no nominations were received.

The award consists of Rs. 1 lakh, shawl, citation and memento. A five-member selection committee of experts appointed by the government has selected the above persons for their outstanding contribution for the promotion and development of Konkani, Marathi and Sanskrit languages from the several nominations received by this Directorate. The Directorate of Official language has requested the families and well wishers to attend the function.

The Secretary of The Directorate of Official Language, Shri Sarpreet Singh Gill, IAS, Director of Directorate of Official Language, Shri Raju Gawas, Deputy Director, Shri Anil H. Sawant and other dignitaries will be present on this occasion.

Followed by this, a book release function will be held, in which the books "गीतार्थ, भगवद्गीतेचो आपरोस" by Ms. Sampada Kuncolienkar and "कोंकणी चळवळीचीं तीन पानां" by Dr. Hanumant Chopdekar will be released in the distinguished presence of the dignitaries.

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