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Notification

The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages invite entries from the interested authors for the Best Book Award 2015 , carrying a cash prize of Rs.51000/- (Rupees fifty one thousands) only each in Kashmiri, Hind, Dogri, Urdu, Pahari, Ladakhi, Panjabi, Gojri, Balti, Dardi and English Languages.

The books to be submitted for consideration of award must have been published during the preceding three years i.e. 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2014 and must be written by a State subject or by a person settled in the state as:

- iii) Employee of the Government, a firm or the like
- iv) Engaged in business , trade or the like

Application on plain paper along with four copies of the book should reach any of the offices of the Academy in Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Rajouri, Doda or Kargil by or before 15th of December 2015

Interested authors are advised to go through the rules of the Awards before submitting their books. Books not fulfilling the laid down criteria shall be summarily rejected.

Rules of the Awards and other relevant details can be had from any of the offices of the Academy during office hours or by accessing Academy website at www.jkculture.nic.in

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BEST BOOK AWARD RULES

1. The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages invites entries from the interested authors for the *Best Book Award* carrying a prize of Rs 51,000/- (Rupees Fifty One thousand) for one book only in each language given in sub para (i) below for the following categories of books:-
 - i. of research in the culture, history of Jammu and Kashmir, languages and literature mentioned in article 146 of the State Constitution and Schedule VI thereof and recognized by the Academy as such i.e., Dogri, Hindi, Kashmiri, Urdu, Ladakhi, Punjabi, Pahari, Balti, Dardi, Gojri besides English;
 - ii. on visual, fine arts, music, dance and drama; and
 - iii. to further the development of language/s mentioned above as also of art and culture of the State.
2. The books sent for Award must have been published during last three preceding years and written by a State Subject or by person settled in the State as :-
 - i. employee of the Government, a firm or the like or
 - ii. engaged in business, trade or the like.
3. A posthumous publication shall be eligible for Award only if published within five years of the author's death.
4. The value of the prize in each language shall be Rs. 51,000/- (Rupees Fifty one thousand only).

5. Dictionary/ Encyclopaedia, edited book / translation, dissertations, thesis and the Academy publications and the publications published by any Government or Semi Government or Autonomous Agency as reference books are not eligible for Award. Books written by more than one author also will not be eligible.
6. No author, who has received Academy prize in the Play-script Competition shall be eligible for the Award of any prize for that play.
7. No book which has not been recommended for the Award once shall be entertained for re-consideration until the author deposits a review fee of Rs 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) only, non refundable, with the Academy in advance. However a book not recommended even for the second time will not be entertained next time.
8. No prize shall be awarded if the majority of adjudicators in a particular language feel that no book has the merit to deserve the Award.
9. Any book/s which does not have the date of publication printed on the inner title cover shall not be entertained.
10. Application on plain paper alongwith four copies of each book/s should reach any of the offices of the Academy in Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Rajouri, Doda and Kargil against proper receipt.
11. There should be a minimum three contesting books in a language for the Award competition.
12. The book/s shall be initially scrutinized departmentally for short listing.
13. The minimum number of pages required in poetry are 80 and in prose 100 in 18x22x8 size.
14. The book/s once received for the award will not be returned and the authors shall have no claim whatsoever over it.
15. Three adjudicators appointed in each language shall rate the books on a scale of one hundred depending on the quality of the book. However, if the adjudicators feel that there are more than one book which merit the award, he can put the same in 'YES' category in order of priority indicated by the marks allotted therein.
16. If the number of books in any language exceeds fifty, two awards instead of one will be given in that language.

17. Only those books shall be entertained for the competition, which are written in the approved script of that language.
18. The best book award, as is evident from the title of the scheme, is given to a book found to be best in a particular year and is not conferred on any author for his / her overall contribution. An author, who has already received the award in a particular language can apply again in that particular language after a gap of four years. However, he/she can apply in any other language other than the one in which he/she has already received the award.
19. In case of dispute, the decision of the Central Committee /President of the Academy shall be final and not open to any question.
20. In case of multivolume book, the award will not be considered for a part thereof, but for the book as a whole.