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Subject: Adoption/Revision of Procedure/Rules for Best Book Award Scheme
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In supersession of all previous orders, Sanction is hereby accorded to the adoption/revision of Procedure/Rules governing Best Book Award Scheme of the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages largely on the pattern of Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi with the following procedure/Rules :

1. General

- i) There shall be an award every year for the most outstanding original book by the State Author published in Kashmiri, Urdu, Dogri, Hindi, Punjabi, Gojri, Pahari, English, Arabic, Balti(Pali), Dardi/Shina and Ladakhi and other languages as may be adopted by the Central Committee/ President of the Academy. Eligibility period of the book shall be three years prior to the year immediately preceding the year of the award.

Illustration: For the Award of 2016, books published between 1st January, 2013 to December 31, 2015.

- ii) The award for any language may not be given during the year if, in the opinion of the Jury constituted, no book published in that language during the three years preceding the year of the award merits the award
- iii) The Award shall consist of an amount of Rs. 75000/- besides a shawl, citation that brings out briefly the book's significance and its author's contribution to his/her language and literature
- iv) Where two or more books are found to be of equal merit, the total literary contribution and standing of their authors shall be taken into consideration in deciding the award.
- v) The author must be a state subject
- vi) The award will be considered only if there are minimum of three books in the final stage of selection.

2. Criteria of eligibility for the Award

- i) In order to be eligible for the award, the book must be an outstanding contribution to the language and literature to which it belongs. The book may be a creative or a critical work, but must not be
 - a) A work of translation or
 - b) An anthology of multiple authors or
 - c) An abridgement, or a compilation or an annotation or
 - d) A treatise or research work prepared for a university degree or any examination or
 - e) The work of an author who has earlier won Best Book Award in the same language from the Academy (other than the translation Award)
 - f) The work of an author who is on the staff of the Academy
- ii) A fresh collection of writings published earlier in book form, or revised editions of books published earlier, are not eligible for Award. However, if

at least 75% of the work included in a collection has been published for the first time in book form, it can be considered for award.

- iii) An incomplete publication is eligible for award only if the author has died within the three year period stipulated for the award or later.
- iv) A posthumous publication is eligible for award only if the author has died within the three year period stipulated for the award or later.

Illustration: An author who has died before 2013 would not be eligible for the award of 2016 .

- v) The book shall be disqualified for the award if it is established to the satisfaction of the Jury that canvassing has been done by the author.
- vi) Books will not be submitted directly from authors and publishers

3. Preparation of the Ground List and obtaining recommendations from members of the Language Advisory Sub-Committees

- i) The Academy shall have every year a ground list prepared of eligible books of each language . Preparation of the ground list shall be entrusted to two experts out of the approved list of reviewers and jury members. In preparing the ground list, the experts shall strictly conform to the criteria of eligibility laid down in these rules. The ground list so prepared along with the ground list of the previous year shall be sent to all the members of the Language Advisory Sub Committee with the request to recommend two titles each by such date as may be specified by the Academy. A member may select :
 - a) Both the titles from the ground list or
 - b) One title from the ground list and the other on his/her own or
 - c) Both the titles on his/her own

4. The Preliminary Panel and its Functions

- i) The Preliminary Panel shall consist of five Referees. These Referees shall be nominated by the Secretary out of the approved panel of reviewers/jury members.
- ii) The recommendations received from member of the language Advisory Committee shall be compiled and sent to each Referee.
- iii) Each Referee shall recommend two books. These titles may be selected either out of the list sent in pursuance of Rule 4(ii) above or by the Referee on his/her own.

5. The Jury and its Functions

- i) The recommendations of Referees in the Preliminary Panel shall be considered by a three-member Jury. The members shall be selected by the Secretary from the approved panel of reviewers/jury members.
- ii) The Academy shall purchase five copies of the books recommended by the Referees in the Preliminary Panel and send them to the Jury Members.
- iii) The Secretary of the Academy shall act as the link between the Jury and the Academy.
- iv) The Jury members shall, either by consensus or by majority, recommend a book for the award. They may also recommend that, in their opinion, no book is eligible for the award during the year. All the members have to attend the meeting. However, only in case of emergency he/she may convey his/her views in writing. He/she shall be provided with the facility of participating in the discussion through phone also .

6. Declaration of award

- i) The recommendation of the Jury shall be placed before the President , JKAACL for approval. The names of the Jury members and the short-

listed books in the final stage shall be made public simultaneously with the announcement of the Award.

7. Miscellaneous

- i) If the time limit for submission of the recommendations is not observed by a member of the Language Advisory Committee or by a Referee, the Academy shall presume that he or she has no recommendation to make and shall proceed accordingly unless, in any particular case, it is in a position to extend the time limit and actually does so.
- ii) The award ceremony shall be held on such date and at such place as the Secretary, Academy may decide.
- iii) In the event of the death of an award winning author before conferment of the award, it shall be given to his/her spouse or to a legal heir.

This order will come into effect from the Best Book Awards 2016.

This issues with the approval of the President, JKAACL (Hon'ble Governor).


Sd/- Secretary, JKAACL.

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