

# Celebrating Excellence in Literature at the 11th International Literary Awards 2026

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Ram Chandran      Alvin E. Luran      Mahendra Arya      Sudarsana Sarkar      Prashant Gunjan

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**kolkata, West bengal Apr 20, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](http://Issuewire.com))** - The **11th International Literary Awards** held at the [Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026](http://Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026) between 14th and 15th Feb'26 saw the felicitation and gathering of few of the best authors and writers from across the world.

The two day festival had delegates such as Mr. Sumon Mukhopadhyay (Film maker & Director), Mr. Pranav Gupta (Vice President, Federation of Indian Publishers) and many notable dignitaries taking the stage being the Guests of Honour.

Naming the authors who were felicitated at the program,

**Aadhya Patel**, a 12-year-old author, has been awarded the Dickens Medal for Literary Excellence 2025 for her book *Weirdly Indian – Toilets, Toys & Total Mystery!*, which simplifies the Indus Valley Civilization for young readers. The book achieved #1 bestseller status on Amazon. Patel is currently expanding the series with a focus on the Vedic Age while continuing formal training in public speaking and performing arts. For more information, visit: <https://weirdlyindian.com>

**Dr Meenakshi Bose**, who received the “Non-Fiction – Woman Writer of the Year” award at the Ukiyoto International Literary Awards for her book *Valuing Women’s Unpaid Work: Experiences from Odisha*, published by Aakar Books. The book, based on her doctoral research, highlights the invisibility of

women's unpaid labour and calls for its recognition in economic systems. It advances policy discourse on gender and development. The award underscores the importance of integrating research with public dialogue and inclusive economic narratives today.

**Ram Chandran** whose book *The Solitary Violinist and other Stories* comprises random character sketches noted down over some period of time. Every single character is a mix of many shades. The stories attempt to depict the system we are all part of, which makes us what we are.

**Dr. Ramakrishna Rao Muthyala's** *Sri Krishna Mahabharat* is a wonderful book written with 18 Parvas and the songs of Bhagavad Gita, Vishnu Sahasranama, with 5 shrutis.

**Rajat Chandra Sarmah** from Guwahati is the author of seven books, including three Amazon bestsellers. His work appears in over 35 anthologies, with international publications in *New Verse News*, *Flash Frontier*, and *Wild Willows Magazine*, and he has received acceptance for publication in *Modern Haiku*. He contributes regularly to newspapers and online platforms. His book *Beneath All This Sky* was recognised at the Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026 under the "Fiction Book of the Year" category. His website is [rajatchandrasarmah.com](http://rajatchandrasarmah.com)

**Abhiraj Shee**, a student in Class 7 at Delhi Public School Megacity, Kolkata, is an internationally recognised multi-talented kid, known for his exceptional memory, academic performance, and literary skills. At 11, he held 9 world records, received 600+ awards, published 35 books, and created 150+ apps and games. He won the National Young Authors Fair award three years in a row and was named Child Author of the Year in 2025-26 for his book 'The Tale of Jaxon and Elara', a detective fictional story. Furthermore, Abhiraj has earned the top ten international rankings in multiple competitions.

Filipino author, **Alvin E. Luran** received the Dickens Gold Medal and Certificate of Honor at the 4th Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026, where *Drizzle in the City and Other Stories* was named Fiction Book of the Year. Published by Ukiyoto Publishing, the collection features 22 stories centered on resilience and everyday life. The book is distributed globally, with translations and audiobook editions, expanding its international readership and strengthening its presence across international literary platforms.

**Mahendra Arya's** book *Tangents And A Circle* is about Eight highly reputed social people including – a retired judge, an actress, a doctor, a lawyer, a chef, a scientist, an international businessman and a retired police officer who reach an island to attend a workshop on a luxury island for two nights and three days. The island was as beautiful and irresistible as the invite itself from a mystique man DK. They were required to talk among themselves. And they could earn a huge sum of Rs. One crore each! Was it a cake walk?

**Sudarsana Sarkar** has been honoured with the Poet of the Year award for the poetry collection *Life's Meanderings*. The work grapples with the mysteries of existence, addressing philosophical questions that have remained elusive since the dawn of civilization. Spanning themes from the ethos of nature to romance, the poems uphold life's enchantment and intoxication. Sarkar intends to pursue international collaborations to bridge diverse literary traditions and universal human experiences.

**Prashant Gunjan's** *Shadows of Past* is a deeply introspective exploration of memory, regret, and emotional healing. It follows the silent struggles of a mind caught between past experiences and present reality, revealing how unresolved emotions shape thoughts and behavior. Through reflective narrative and psychological insight, the book guides readers toward understanding their inner conflicts, letting go of burdens, and finding clarity, acceptance, and strength to move forward with renewed purpose.

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