

Celebrating Exceptional Literature at the 11th International Literary Awards 2026

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kolkata, West bengal Apr 23, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - The **11th International Literary Awards** held at the Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026 between 14th and 15th Feb'26 saw the felicitation and gathering of a few of the best authors and writers from across the world.

The two-day festival had delegates such as Mr. Om Prakash Gupta (IPS (Retd), Ex-Inspector General of Police, Kolkata), Mr. Pranav Gupta (Vice President, Federation of Indian Publishers), and many notable dignitaries taking the stage as the Guests of Honour.

Mentioning a few lines about the award recipients,

Miss Tanka Das, a PhD scholar in Finance and teaching the same at MIT World Peace University, announces her upcoming book, *Our Calendar Paradox*. The work explores a unique temporal connection between the years 2025 and 1941, blending logic, history, and fiction. Known for her academic contributions and commitment to knowledge sharing and sustainability, Miss Das aims to inspire readers through thought-provoking narratives and future literary projects.

Dr. Joseph K. Thomas has played many roles in his life: an Army veteran, a corporate leader, an educationist, and a social entrepreneur. He is a soldier by choice, an engineer by profession, an educationist by passion, and an author by accident. He is a man with a humble beginning; his journey

from the war room to the board room and then to the classroom has been an illustrious one. He won the award for Non-Fiction - Author of the Year for his book titled Israel Palestine War - Give Peace a Chance.

Dr. Dillip Kumar Dash is a Professor of Psychiatry who has written 12 books by now. Love The Awakened Soul is a book comprised of Mystical and Divine Love poems. These Poems are expressed with humility and eternal feelings through which he expressed the passion for Life that is only eternal Love. His books comprise Mental Health, Motivational Thoughts, Short Stories, and Mystical Poetries. He has achieved Lifetime Achievement Awards twice, many Academic Awards, and multiple Literary awards, including the Dickens medal.

Sanjai Banerji was recently awarded the Dickens Literary Award for Best Graphic Novel for India's First Historical Manga; Tagdu and the Wrath of the Serpents, based on central India in the 3rd Century BCE. The first volume of the Tagdu Series speaks of a brave craftsman as he battles the evil Serpent Queen Nagani and Serpent Sage Jaratkaru to save his people. The Tagdu Series is a unique blend of history, adventure, and action-packed visual narrative that keeps you hooked.

Kamalika Bhattacharya's Resilience Reborn explores a woman's journey through self-discovery and how she navigates the complexities of relationships, career aspirations, and personal growth. Along the way, she encounters challenges that test her strength and resolve, ultimately leading her to a deeper understanding of her identity and purpose. The chapters together convey a powerful message of empowerment and growth. In their stories, a tapestry of experiences unfolds, illustrating how diverse paths can converge towards a common purpose.

Dr. Nazia Sheikh, an acclaimed poet-author, continues to leave an indelible mark on contemporary literature. Her celebrated book Dastaan-e-Dil-Shikasta beautifully captures the fragility of emotions and the silent echoes of broken hearts. A doctor by profession and a poet by soul, she has authored multiple award-winning collections, earning national and international recognition. As Maya Angelou once said, "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you." Looking ahead, **Dr. Sheikh** envisions expanding her literary horizon, inspiring global audiences, and nurturing emerging voices.

Ruqsar Begum has been honored with the Non-Fiction – Woman Writer of the Year award for My Chase to Doom, and has also received the Dickens Medal for Literary Excellence. Drawing from significant life experiences, the work has been recognized for its powerful narrative, emotional depth, and portrayal of resilience and transformation, establishing the author as a distinctive voice in contemporary non-fiction. She may be contacted on Instagram: https://instagram.com/diary_of_ruqsar

An experienced civil servant and one of the most influential historians in the Philippines today, **Arius Lauren Raposas** also emerges as one of the nation's foremost authors in contemporary literature as the recipient of the 2026 International Literary Award for Author of the Year, and Charles Dickens Medal for Literary Excellence. His works captivate readers through his distinguished style, blending pragmatic foresight and creative imagination. The multi-awarded Raposas strives for greater heights as he delves into other genres for future books.

[Kumud Verma](#) is an Indian author, educationist, and social reformer known for her contributions to Indian literature and education. She is recognized for her work on governance, women's empowerment, and social reform. Her writings are celebrated for their depth, practicality, and inspirational appeal. Based in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, she has been active in the fields of education and literature for over three decades.

Angelica Elaine Dolorfino Jover, writing as fabulousqueenangel, continues her literary ascent following a debut at age fourteen. The author of *Huling Sandali* and *Last Moment* recently received the Dickens Literary Medal of Excellence. A registered writer with the National Book Development Board and an experienced editor-in-chief, Jover is now expanding her focus toward international law and diplomacy.

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