

## Felicitating Literary Awardees at the 11th International Literary Awards 2026

The 11th International Literary Awards, hosted during the Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026 on February 14–15, brought together some of the world's most distinguished authors and writers for a celebration and recognition of literary excellence.



The banner features a red background with the title "11th International Literary Awards" in large white font at the top. Below the title are two rows of circular portraits of award recipients. The first row includes D.S. Pais, Rahul Manghat, Monika Khurana, Dr. Yogesh Gupta, and Sritapa Mahanty. The second row includes Madhumita Dutta, Shalaka Anish Kering, Dr. Mala Dasgupta Sengupta, MKaarS, and Dr. Adyasha Acharya. At the bottom, the text "Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026" is displayed in white, with the website "www.ukiyoto.com" below it. A small white silhouette of a dog is visible in the bottom left corner.

**11th International Literary Awards**

D.S. Pais      Rahul Manghat      Monika Khurana      Dr. Yogesh Gupta      Sritapa Mahanty

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**kolkata, West bengal Apr 27, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](http://IssueWire.com))** - The 11th International Literary Awards, hosted as a part of the [Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026](http://Kolkata Literary Carnival 2026) on 14–15 February 2026, brought together and honoured some of the finest authors and writers from around the globe.

To speak about the recipients of this prestigious award,

**D.S. Pais** is an internationally recognized author. She has been honored with the Fiction Woman Writer of the Year award. She has received the Dickens Medal for Literary Excellence. Based in Singapore, she has authored over 120 titles that are translated into multiple languages. Real events inspire her award-winning novel *Ashes on Wall Street*. It highlights her distinctive storytelling. Her works are widely available on global platforms, including Amazon. They are under consideration for film and OTT adaptations. Her contact is <https://www.facebook.com/deepika.pais>

**Rahul Manghat's** *The Origin of Ten Fires* is a philosophical fiction series exploring ten primal forces from Indian thought—Buddhi, Ahamkara, Chitta, Krodha, Kama, Manas, Moha, Lobha, Mada, and Maatsarya—that awaken within modern individuals. Each fire grants power but tests control, pushing its bearer toward transformation or destruction. As lives intertwine across cultures, the series builds toward a final reckoning: humanity must confront whether it governs these inner forces—or is ultimately shaped

and consumed by them.

**Monika Khurana**, Senior Associate Professor of English at S.D. P.G. College, Panipat, has over 24 years of teaching experience and is a recipient of the Best Non-Fiction Women Writer of the Year award. A keen observer of human relationships and social realities, she brings academic depth and emotional insight into her writing. Her book *Together Yet Alone: The Silent Lives in Indian Marriages* explores emotional loneliness and silent struggles within marriages. It highlights how silence, societal expectations, and unspoken sacrifices shape relationships, especially for women, often leading to a quiet loss of identity. She aims to promote dialogue on relationships, gender, and emotional well-being through her future writing and academic engagements

*Healthcare, Law, and Ethics: A Reference Manual for Students and Professionals* by **Dr. Yogesh Gupta and Dr. Geeta Gupta** offers a comprehensive, India-focused guide to medicolegal practice, integrating law, ethics, and clinical care across 34 chapters. Designed for students and professionals, it addresses evolving legal frameworks and emerging challenges. Future editions will incorporate new laws and landmark cases, alongside upcoming titles on AI in healthcare and geriatric medicine.

Asia Book Record holder **Sritapa Mahanty** received The Dickens Medal for Literary Excellence at the 11th International Literary Awards 2025 for *A Heart's Journey*, presented at the Kolkata Literary Carnival. An author and founder of Brunch With Books (YouTube Channel), she has published 11 titles across genres. Her latest psychological thriller, *Don't Look In The Mirror* (December 2025), marks a strategic shift. Sritapa's plans include expanding her global readership and mentoring authors through digital platforms. Media Contact: <https://www.instagram.com/sritapamahanty>

*Chhayatirtha: Prabandha Sankalan* by **Madhumita Dutta** is an award-winning collection of reflective, research-based Bengali essays exploring literature, philosophy, culture, and human consciousness. Blending personal reflection with historical and cultural analysis, the essays examine memory, identity, and spirituality. Based in Guwahati, she is a professional web developer and trilingual writer in Bengali, Assamese, and English. Her work bridges research and literary expression, offering insightful perspectives on social change, cultural identity, and the deeper dimensions of human experience.

Shalaka Anish Kering is an internationally acclaimed author, Brain and Memory Development Coach, and co-founder of Brain Universe. She is the recipient of the 'International Author Excellence Award (Dubai, 2025)', the 'International Iconic Star Award (Malaysia, 2025)', and the prestigious 'Dickens Medal', along with the 'Women Writer of the Year; Non-Fiction' honour (2026). Her book, *'Empower Thyself with 31 Scintillating Stars'*, is a compelling work that inspires reflection, growth, and self-empowerment. She also serves as an executive member of the Memory Sports Federation of India.

**Dr. Mala Dasgupta Sengupta**, acclaimed edupreneur, author, TEDx speaker, and distinguished voice in English education, has devoted over three decades to transforming lives through language, empathy, and vision. As founder of Anubhav English Classes, her legacy continues through empowered learners. Her latest work, *TRIUMPH OF A WARRIOR WOMAN*, shaped by profound personal loss, transforms grief into resilience. Honoured with the Dickens Medal for Literary Excellence and the 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award, the collection stands as a testament to enduring love, memory, and the unconquerable human spirit.

*You are a Superwoman, but do not use your Superpowers* by **MKaars** is a refreshing non-fiction work that blends reflection with gentle guidance. Interactive and engaging, it invites readers to pause, question, and reconnect with themselves without sounding preachy or prescriptive. The author presents relatable insights with warmth and honesty, encouraging women to rethink strength beyond constant

productivity. It's a mindful, accessible read that empowers through awareness, balance, and small, meaningful shifts in everyday life.

**Dr. Adyasha Acharya** is a doctor and author based in India. She has published few novels previously- "The Fearless Warriors", "The Crown Heist" and "The Guardian Trilogy (The Guardian, The Defender and The Saviour), The Protectors duology (The Protectors and The Bond), Spring to Summer, pocket books and several short stories. The Defender has won the award of "Fiction Women Writer of the Year" organized by Ukiyoto in 2024.

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