

Resume

DR. GAYATRIBALA PANDA

Dr. Gayatribala Panda (b.1977) is a well known Odia poet, fiction writer, literary critic, journalist and editor. Best known for her poetry, she was awarded **first Kendra Sahitya Akademi “ Yuva Puraskar” in Odia** for her poetry collection “GAAN”(The Village) in 2011. In 2012, She was named as one of the ten best young writers in the country by the English daily Indian Express(Eye Magazine). She was selected for the '**Writers in-residence**' programme at **the Rashtrapati Bhavan for 2015**. She was the first Odia to get this honour.

Early life

Born on 17th April 1977 in village Sadeipur of District Cuttack (Present District Jagtsinghpur) in Odisha(INDIA) being the first child of Mr. Golak Bihari Panda and Mrs. Arunima Panda, Gayatri receives her early education in Cuttack, Sadeipur and Balikuda. Then she moved to Cuttack (Shailabala Womens' College) for college education. She earned her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and went on to Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dhenkanal for PG Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication. Then she completed her Masters Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. She has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

She was awarded the Gold Medal for securing the highest position in M.A in Library and Information Science from Utkal University and she was also awarded the Gold Medal from Public Relation Society of India(East Region) for securing top position in Advertisement and Public Relation.

She lives in Bhubaneswar with her husband Mr. Manas Ranjan Mangaraj and son Maneet Mangaraj.

Career

She started Journalism as the career and joined in leading Odia Newspaper '**Sambad**'. After working some years in both field and desk, now she is editing and publishing the widely acclaimed literary quarterly “ANYAA” and also working as a freelance journalist. She was working as a Guest Lecturer in the dept. of Library and Information Science, Utkal University. She started writing at an early age of six or seven and got published in all leading odia journals since 2000. She has eleven collections of poems, four novels and two collections of short stories published by well-known publication houses of the state.

Publications in Media:

- Many poems, stories, talks, interviews have been broadcasted in All India Radio and Doordarshan.
- Many poems, stories, articles, features, regular columns published in Newspapers and Magazines. More than 900 poems have been published.

Publications

Poetry collections:

- 2001: *Ahata Pratisruti* (Bruised Promises)
- 2002: *Aspasta Iswara* (Indistinct God)
- 2006: *Aanayatta* (Beyond control)
- 2008 :*Gaan* (Village)(*First edition*)
- 2012: *Gaan* (Village)(*Second edition*)
- 2011: *Jetiki dishuchi akasha* (Whatever of the sky is visible)
- 2013: *Akhi nain Kana nain* (No eye no ear)
- 2014: *E ratira jete tara* (The stars of this night)
- 2015: *Bagha* (Tiger)
- 2017: *Dayanadi* (The River Daya)
- 2018: *MahenzoDaro* (MahenzoDaro)
- 2019: *Nirbachita Kabita* (Selected Poems)

Short story collection

- 2015: *Bisarjana* (Immersion)
- 2019: *Nijaku Nei Sata Gapa* (A True Story About Myself)

Poetry collection in Hindi

- 2006: *Dhoop ko Rang* (Selected Odia poems translated into Hindi)
- 2017: *Kho Jaati Hai Ladkiyan* (Selected Odia poems translated into Hindi)

Poetry collection in English

- 2018: *Grandma and other poems*(Selected Odia poems translated into English)

Novel

- 2016: *Mummy Jaha Jane Nanhi*(What Mummy Does Not Know)

Books in Press:

Novel

- Purba Nirdharita
- Reporter
- Rasta

Gold medals:

- *Utkal University Gold Medal*
- *Gold Medal from Public Relation Society of India*

Awards:**National:**

- *2011 Kendra Sahitya Akademy Yuva Puraskar For poetry collection GAAN(The village)*

State:

- *2000 State Youth Award for Poetry*
- *2003 Kadambini Kavita Samman*
- *2004 Haji Asraf Ali Udaya Prativa Samman for poetry From Fakir Mohan Sahitya Parishad*
- *2006 Basanta Muduli Kavita Samman*
- *2007 Lekhalekhi Yuva Kavi Samman*
- *2010 Sarala Kabya Samman*
- *2010 Manthan Award for Poetry*
- *2011 Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhabana Award*
- *2011 Utkal Sahitya Samaj Yuva Kabi samman*
- *2012 Talapadeswari sahitya samman*
- *2012 Timepass Swayamshree Samman*
- *2014 Istahara kabita samman*
- *2015Deepak Mishra kabya samman*
- *2016-Award from State Vigilance, Govt. of Odisha for best essay written on Corruption*

Felicitations:

- *2013: Assam Prakashan Parishad*
- *2015: All India Radio, New Delhi*
- *2016: Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi*

Participation

As a poet she has been invited to literary conferences and festivals in various parts of India. She has participated in:

INTERNATIONAL:

- *2008- SAARC Young Writers' Meet*
- *2010- Commonwealth Writers' Meet*
- *2019- 39th World Congress of Poets(Bhubaneswar)*

NATIONAL:

- 2004- Orientation programme for Young Writers by Central Institute of Indian Languages
- 2005- Sahitya Akademi Writers Travel Grant Programme(Assam)
- 2010- Creative writing workshop for Young Students Poets
- 2012- Bharatiya Kavita Bimb Programme of Hindi Akademi (New Delhi)
- 2012- Bhubaneswar Literature Festival in 2012
- 2013- Hyderabad Literature Festival in 2013
- 2013- Sahitya Akademi Young Poets' Meet (New Delhi)
- 2013- Sahitya Akademi North East and Eastern Young Writers' Meet (Bhubaneswar)
- 2013- Assam Literary Festival
- 2014- Bangalore Literature Festival
- 2015- "National Symposium of Poets" organized by All India Radio, New Delhi.
- 2015- 'Writers in-residence' programme at the Rashtrapati Bhavan .
- 2016- Utkal Literature Festival
- 2016- Bhubaneswar Poetry Festival
- 2017- Sahitya Akademi workshop on 'Feminism in Odia literature' (Bhubaneswar)
- 2017- Kandhamal Literature Festival
- 2017- Kalinga Literature Festival
- 2018- Sahitya Akademi Symposium on 'The Challenges to Women's Freedom Today' (New Delhi)

Member

- She is the member of Academic Council of Utkal University of Culture(2019-).

Other activities

- She was the President(1997-98) of the College Union of Shailabala Womens' College(the oldest women's college of Odisha), Cuttack.
- She regularly writes columns, essays for Odia dailies SAMBAD, SAMAJ, PRAMEYA, DHARITRI, PRAGATIVADI.
- She has been travelled to many parts of India as a speaker and visiting professor.

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