



Tamil Literary Garden Award - 2014

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The Tamil Literary Garden, established in 2001, is a Toronto based charitable organization committed towards promoting the development of Tamil literature and studies internationally. The mandate includes the presentation of awards on an annual basis to those creative persons who have made significant contributions to the development of the Tamil language.

The Fifteenth annual awards function was held in Radisson Hotel on 13 June 2015 with David Bezmozgis, Canadian writer and film director as the chief guest.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Mr. B. Jeyamohan, a leading writer of Tamil fiction. Mr. Jeyamohan has made significant contributions in the last 28 years as a writer of thirteen novels, eleven short story collections and fifty essays. He has also penned scripts for Tamil and Malayalam movies titled kashoorimaan, angaadhitheru, naankadavul, neerparavai, aaru melukuvarththikal, kadal, kaaviyaththalaivan, ozhimuri and kaanchi, which were well received by movie-goers. The award was presented by Mr. David Bezmozgis. The award was sponsored by Bala Cumarasan and Vaithehi from the very incep-

tion of the organization.

In addition to the Lifetime Achievement Award, the following awards were also presented. Fiction awards went to Devakanthan for his novel 'Kanavuchirai' and to Kuna Kaviyalakan for "Nachundakadu". Non-fiction awards were given to Muthiah Nithiyananthan for his book 'Kooliththamil' and to Jeyarani for "Jaathiyatravalin Kural." The Poetry award was given to Kathirbharathi for his collection of poems 'Mesiyavukku moondru machangal'

The Award for 'Information Technology in Tamil' given in honour of Sundara Ramaswamy was awarded to

Muthiah Annamalai and the student essay contest awards were shared by Vasuki Kailasam and Yugendra Raguathan. The translation awards were given to K. V. Shylaja for 'Yaarukkum vendatha kan' translated from Malayalam to Tamil and Swarnavel Eswaran Pillai for his book "Madras Studios - Narrative Genre and Ideology in Tamil Cinema."

The event which was well attended by scholars and writers from Canada and abroad came to an end with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Usha Mathivanan.

(Seen here are some pictures taken at the event)



Iyal Virudhu award received by writer Jayamohan from David Bezmozgis, Bala Cumarasan and Apsara



A section of the audience



Federal M.P. Rathika Sitsabaiesan giving the award to writer Jayamohan



Board Members of Tamil Literary Garden with writer Jayamohan



Muthiah Annamalai receiving award for IT in Tamil from Richard Jeo



Dr Swarnavel receiving award under translation category from Kumar Ratnam and V. Sornalingam



(L-R) Tharshika Ramanecharan, Sankavi Raguathan, Aarthika Kumaresh, JEYAMOHAN, Kandasamy Gangatharan, Shanoo Kulam, Kulakshana Paraniwasagam, Usha Sivabalan



Writer Devakanthan receiving the fiction award from Dr Shan Shanmugavadivel and Mr and Mrs Balasunderam



Award given in memory of K. Sinnadurai to Kuna Kaviyalakan (received by proxy P.A.Jayakaran)



Award given by Margie and Vincent de Paul to Jeyarani (received by proxy Usha Mathivanan)



Award for essay given by Bahir Vivekanand, Serena and Jayaraman to Vasugi Kailasam (received by proxy Nandini)



Award for essay given by Bairavee Ranjith and Ami Vitale and received by Yugendra Raguathan