

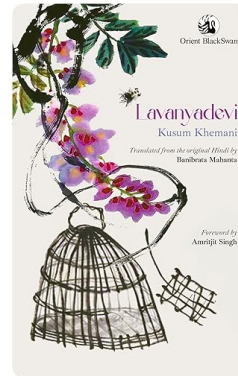
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## **Banibrata Mahanta wins the Muse India Translation Award 2025 for *Lavanyadevi* by Kusum Khemani**



**Banibrata Mahanta**



***Lavanyadevi***

**Muse India** takes pleasure in announcing the result of the Muse India Translation Award 2025. The response to the call for entries was overwhelming, with 103 translated works from 18 Indian languages, including Kashmiri, Konkani, Manipuri, Maithili, Nepali and Sindhi submitted for the award. It is so gratifying to see such a robust level of English translations undertaken in the country.

The panel of 13 Judges comprising scholars and writers from across the country was headed by a 2-member Jury of **Prof Sachidananda Mohanty**, a Member of the UGC, a National Fellow at the IAAS, Shimla and formerly the Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha; and **Prof Sukrita Paul Kumar**, recipient of the Rabindranath Tagore International Award (2023), and who held the Aruna Asif Ali Chair, Delhi University and is currently the Guest Editor of *Indian Literature* of Sahitya Akademi.

The other judges on the panel were **Dileep Jhaveri**, Sahitya Akademi Award winner, **Dr Charanjeet Kaur**, Retd Prof of SCHM College, Mumbai University, **Prof Angshuman Kar**, University of Burdwan; **Prof Sayantan Dasgupta**, University of Jadavpur; **Prof Syam Sudhakar**, University of Calicut; **Prof Uma D Sridhar**, EFLU, Hyderabad, **Dr Sapna Dogra**, Dept of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, (Deputy Chief Editor, Muse India), **Dr Semeen Ali** (Editor, Poetry, Muse India), Asst Professor & PhD Scholar **Annapurna Sharma**, Krishna University, Vijayawada (Editor of Fiction, Muse India), PhD Scholar **S Suthara Lal**, University of Calicut, and **GSP Rao** (Managing Editor, Muse India).

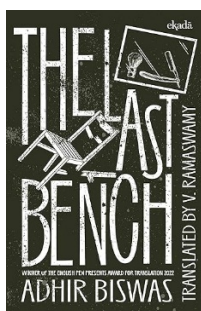
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## Jury's Commendation Certificates to



**V Ramaswamy**

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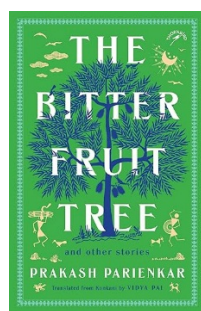


Original in Bengali  
**Westland Publication**  
2025



**Vidya Pai**

for

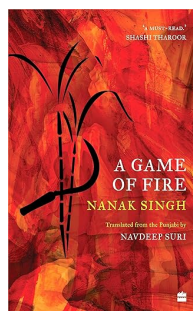


Konkani  
**Niyogi Books**  
2024



**Navdeep Suri**

for

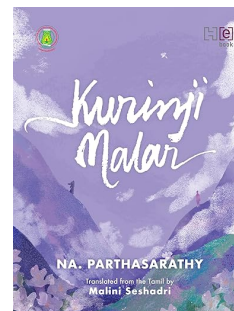


Punjabi  
**HarperCollins India**  
2024



**Malini Seshadri**

for



Tamil  
**Hachette India**  
2024

The **Jury's Commendation Certificates** have been announced for the following translated works, for their outstanding merit:

- The Last Bench*, a Memoir in Bengali by Adhir Biswas, translated by **V. Ramaswamy**,
- The Bitter Fruit Tree & Other Stories*, in Konkani by Prakash Parienkar, translated by **Vidya Pai**,
- A Game of Fire*, a Punjabi novel by Nanak Singh, translated by **Navdeep Suri**, and
- Kurinji Malar*, a Tamil novel by Na Parthasarathy, translated by **Malini Seshadri**.

The Jury mentioned that “Apart from offering effective glimpses of different kinds of lived Indian reality, three of the books sensitise readers to inequalities faced by marginalised communities in our society, while the other brings to life the trauma caused by the historically significant catastrophe of the Partition of 1947, suffered by the people of the Subcontinent. These narratives call for a large readership if only to help comprehend the complex social reality of India.”

All the above translators will receive a framed certificate.

**Muse India** profusely thanks all the publishers and writers for participating in this event and extends its heartiest Congratulations to the winner of the Award and all the translators who have received the Jury's Commendation.

**GSP Rao, Managing Editor, Muse India**  
**10 May 2026**