

# Professor Baishnab Charan Samal to Receive the Central Sahitya Akademi Award

**Balasore, 18/12 (Krushna Kumar Mohanty):** Renowned litterateur Professor Baishnab Charan Samal has been selected for this year's prestigious Central Sahitya Akademi Award. He will receive the award for his essay collection "Bhuti Bhakti Bibhuti", as informed by Dr. Gourahari Das, the convenor of the Odia advisory board. Professor Samal is widely known in the fields of essays and literary criticism. He has served as a professor at Utkal University and Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan. Among his notable works are 'Odisha Sahitya Itihasa' (History of Odia Literature), 'Odia



'Kshudragalpra Itibritta' (The Evolution of Odia Short Stories), 'Odia Galpa: Unmesha O Ucharana' (Odia Stories: Growth and Expression), 'Ganakabi Sahitya Samikshya' (Critical Analysis of Folk Literature), 'Samikshyaloka' (Critique World), 'Samalochana: Swara O Swakshara' (Criticism: Voice and Signature),

and his humorous anthology "Baishnab Charan Samalanka Ramyachana Samagra" (Complete Humorous Writings of Baishnab Charan Samal). In total, he has authored over 120 books. His autobiography "Jane Bana Batoi Ra Kahani" (The Tale of a Simple Wanderer) is also widely acclaimed.

Born on January 27, 1939, Professor Baishnab Charan Samal's contribution to Odia literature has been monumental. The announcement of him receiving the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award has brought a wave of congratulations and well wishes from literary circles.