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## "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasa Samman" Announced

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State Government has announced "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasa Samman" for the year 2018. Fakir Mohan Sahitya Parishad, a leading literary organisation of Balasore will be recipient of this honour. The organisation will get a cash award of Rupees one lakh along with citation in a programme to be organised on 14th this month, on the occasion of birth anniversary celebration of Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Senapati, father of Odia fiction.

Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik had announced last year that an individual or institution would be honoured for tireless effort for the propagation and development of Odia language and literature. The Department of Odia Language, Literature & Culture had already initiated the process and after decision of experts and approval of Sri Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister, Odia Language, Literature and Culture the name of the recipient for the year 2018 has been announced by the Department.

Usually, Odisha Sahitya Akadmy gives awards to people writing in various genres of Odia literature while for the first time the Department of Odia Language, Literature and Culture has instituted "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasa Samman", said Sri Manornajan Panigrahy, Principal Secretary of the Department.

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