



# Ananda Mandir

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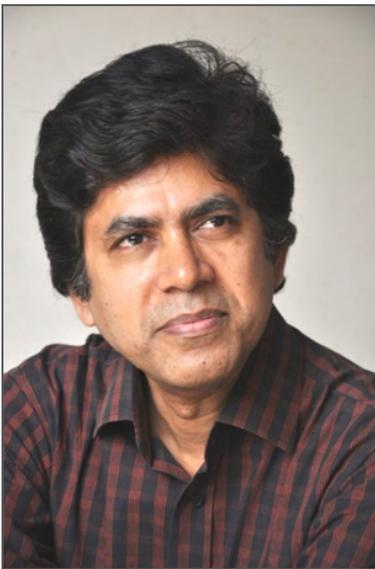
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### 2018 AWARD WINNERS

## Gayatri GaMarsh Memorial Awards for Literary Excellence

These winners will each receive a cash award of \$500 and a citation plaque

#### **BENGALI: Subrata Kumar Das (Ontario, Canada)**



Born in the Faridpur district of Bangladesh and now a resident of Canada, Subrata is a well-known essayist, literary critic, and translator of works by Bangladeshi authors. His first passion is to bring world recognition to the works of eminent Bangladeshis, and he has creatively utilized the resources of the Internet to achieve this objective. His second passion is to build bridges between the peoples and literature of Bangladesh and West Bengal through interchange and mutual respect. He has published eight books of essays, edited three anthologies and has published two works of translation. A champion of progressive and secular ideals, he is recognized in both Bangladeshi and Indian literary circles in the Toronto area as an organizer and a catalyst. He is currently the Executive Director of Toronto-based Bangladesh Literary Resource Center.

#### **ENGLISH: Jayashree Chatterjee (New Jersey)**



Jayashree's love for literature dates back to her childhood. Born in a family that valued education highly, her mother was an avid reader of Bengali literature and a writer of short stories. Jayashree started writing early in her life and has continued to write even with her busy family and professional life. She has published many articles and short stories in *The Times of India*, *The Illustrated Weekly*, *The Statesman*, *The Kuwait Times* and other newspapers and magazines. She has also published a novel (*One Step Ahead*), an anthology of short stories (*Where Oleanders Don't Grow*), and essays on subjects ranging from the works of Rabindranath Tagore to perception of death among children. Jayashree received her BA degree in History from Presidency College and her Master's degree in Library Science from the Rutgers University. A long-term resident of New Jersey, Jayashree is well-known within the Ananda Mandir community.

*We wish continued success to all the winners in their future literary activities*

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