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**HIRENDRA NATH DUTTA AND SWAPAN SENGUPTA TO GET 2013 RAMANATH BHATTACHARYA FOUNDATION LITERARY AWARD**

Guwahati, 2 March (northeastnews): Noted Assamese poet Hirendra Nath Dutta and Bengali poet Swapan Sengupta would be given the Ramanath Bhattacharya Foundation Literary Awards for 2013 on March 9th at Vivekananda Kendra auditorium in Uzanbazar.

Sukumar Bagchi, Chief Adviser of the Foundation while addressing the media informed, "The awards carry a cash award of Rs 51000, a citation and a memento each. A memorial lecture on Pandit Padmanath Vidyabinod and Bhuparjatak (Globe-trotter) Ramnath Biswas would be delivered by eminent Assamese Academician Dr. Pramod Chandra Bhattacharya and former Prof. of Calcutta University Dr. Biswabandhu Bhattacharya." Bagchi informed that the literary awards was started in 2010 to honour promising Assamese and Bengali poets in memory of the illustrious founders of Foundation's Trustee-President Ramanath Bhattacharya and Trustee-General Secretary Shyamashis Bhattacharya, a Hindi TV serials

Bagchi also added "Although Ramanath was established in Mumbai he has was originally from Assam. He was a poet and believed that deserving poets should be duly awarded. "

Earlier recipients of the Award include, in 2010, the award was presented to poet Ajit Barua and Bengali poet Bijit Kumar Bhattacharya, in 2011 to Hiren Bhattacharya and Pabitra Mukhyopadhyay and in 2012 to Nilamoni Phukan and Tarun Sanyal.

Ramnath was actively associated with the Indian freedom movement as a member of Anushilan Samiti and latter travelled to four continents by bicycle on several journeys which earned him the title 'Bhuparjatak'. He had also written over 30 travelogues depicting his travel experience. While Padmanath had a brilliant educational career and spent major parts of his life as a professor in Cotton College, he was also actively associated with literature and historical research of Assam with his pioneering research work titled 'Kamarupashanavali.'