DHARAMVIR BHARATI (25 DECEMBER 1926 - 4 SEPTEMBER 1997)

Dr. Dharamvir Bharati (Hindi: ??????? ??????) was a renowned Hindi poet, author, playwright and a social thinker of India. He was the Chief-Editor of the popular Hindi weekly magazine Dharmayug.

Dr. Bharati was awarded Padma Shree for literature in 1972 by the Government of India. His novel Gunaho Ka Devta became an evergreen classic. Dr. Bharati’s Suraj ka Satwan Ghoda is considered a unique experiment in story-telling and was made into a National Film Award- winning movie by the same name in 1992 by Shyam Benegal. Andha Yug, a play set in the time immediately after the Mahabharata war, is another classic that is enacted very often in public by various drama groups.

He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in Playwriting (Hindi) in 1988, given by Sangeet Natak Akademi, India’s National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama.

**Early Life**

Dharamvir Bharati was born in Allahabad to Chiranji Lal and Chanda devi. The family underwent considerable financial hardships after his father died early. He had a sister, Dr. Veerbala.

He did his MA in Hindi from Allahabad University in 1946 and won the “Chintamani Ghosh Award” for securing highest marks in Hindi.

**Career**

Dharamvir Bharati was the sub-editor for magazines “Abhyudaya” and Sangam” during this period. Later he completed his Ph.D. in 1954 under Dr. Dhirendra Verma on the topic of “Siddha Sahitya”, and was appointed lecturer in Hindi at the Allahabad University. The 1950s were the most creative period in the life of Dr. Bharati and he wrote many novels, dramas, poems, essays, and criticism-works during this phase.

**Journalism (Mumbai)**

In 1960 he was appointed as chief-editor of the popular Hindi weekly magazine Dharma Yug brought out by the Times Group, and moved to Bombay. He
remained the editor of Dharmayug till 1987. During this long phase the magazine became the most popular Hindi weekly of the country and reached new heights in Hindi journalism. As a field reporter, Dr. Bharati personally covered the Indo-Pak war that resulted in the liberation of Bangladesh.

<b>Personal Life</b>

Dr Bharati married in 1954 and later divorced Mrs. Kanta Bharati with whom he had a daughter Parmita. A few years later he remarried and had a son Kinshuk Bharati and a daughter Pragya Bharati with Mrs. Pushpa Bharati. Dr. Bharati developed heart ailments and died after a brief illness in 1997.

<b>Prominent Works</b>

Suraj Ka Satvan Ghoda (???? ?? ??????? ??????)- (The Seventh Steed of the Sun), A short novel published in 1952, that may also be viewed as a set of connected mini-narratives, can be called one of the foremost instances of metafiction in twentieth century Hindi literature. The protagonist is a young man named Manik Mulla who recounts these tales to his friends. The name of the work is an allusion to Hindu mythology according to which the chariot of the Sun-God Surya is said to be drawn by seven horses. (viz. seven days in a week) This novella has been translated into Bengali by poet Malay Roy Choudhury of Hungry generation fame, for which he was bestowed with the Sahitya Academy Award. Shyam Benegal's film by the same name (1992), based on the novel won the National Film Award for Best Actor.

<b>Awards</b>

Padma Shri by the Government of India, 1972
Rajendra Prasad Shikhar Samman
Bharat Bharati Samman
Maharashtra Gaurav, 1994
Kaudiya Nyas
Vyasa Samman
1984, Valley turmeric best journalism awards
1988, best playwright Maharana Mewar Foundation Award
1989, the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Delhi.
Kanupriya - Samaapan

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Itihas - Bipralbdha)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Itihas: Amangal Chaayaa)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Itihas: Sabda - Arthahin)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Itihas: Samudra - Swapna)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Itihas: Usi Am Ke Niche)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Manjari Parinay - Tum Mere Koun Ho?)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Purbaraag - Dusra Geet)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Purbaraag - Pahla Geet)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Sristi - Sankalpa - Aadim Bhay)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Sristi - Sankalpa - Keliskhi)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa (Sristi - Sankalpa - Srijan - Sanginee)

Dharamvir Bharati
Kanupriyaa Itihas: Setu - Main

Dharamvir Bharati
Kyonki Sapna Hai Abhi Bhi

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