

UNB Soldier of Humanity Award for Ganesh Devy



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Renowned literary critic [Prof.](#) Ganesh N. Devy of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda has been named for the Upendra Nath Brahma Soldier of Humanity [Award](#)-2017.

The award has been conferred every year by the Upendra Nath Brahma Trust (UNBT), Kokrajhar, which is a highest award presented from Bodos in the name of Bodofa Upendra Nath Brahma, former president of the All Bodo Students Union (ABSU).

The UNBT on Monday declares name of [Prof.](#) Ganesh N. Devy [as](#) the recipient 14th Upendra Nath Brahma Soldier of Humanity [Award](#) 2017. The trust decides to confer this prestigious [award](#) to [Prof.](#) Ganesh N. Devy for his immense contribution towards languages of the tribes in [India](#). Besides, his relentless activism for protection, preservation and development of tribal languages, especially languages of de-notified tribes has really earned him laurels across the globe. His untiring efforts to standby for the cause of tribes and marginalized communities in [India](#) is unparalleled one. Thus, the UNBT feels really privileged and proud to confer the 14th edition of Upendra Nath Brahma Soldier of Humanity [Award](#) 2017 on [Prof.](#) Ganesh N Devy.

[Prof.](#) Ganesh N. Devy, was born on 1 August(1950), formerly professor of English at the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, a renowned literary critic and activist and is founder director of the Bhasha Research and [Publication](#) Center, Vadodara and [Adivasi](#) Academy at Tejgadh, Gujarat established to create a unique educational environment for the study of tribal communities. He led the People's Linguistic [Survey](#) of [India](#) in 2010, which has researched and documented 780 Living Indian Languages. He was educated at Shivaji University, Kolhapur and the University of Leeds, [UK](#). Among his many academic assignments, he has held fellowships at Leeds University and Yale University and has been a Jawaharlal Nehru Fellow (1994-96).

He was awarded Padmashri on 26 January, 2014 in recognition of his work with denotified and nomadic tribes education and his work on dying-out languages. He was awarded the [Sahitya Akademi Award](#) for After Amnesia, and the SAARC Writers' Foundation [Award](#) for his work with denotified tribals. He has also won the reputed Prince Claus [Award](#) (2003) awarded by the Prince Claus Fund for his work for the conservation of the history, languages and views of oppressed communities in the Indian [state](#) of Gujarat. His Marathi book Vanaprasth has received six awards including the Durga Bhagwat Memorial [Award](#) and the Maharashtra Foundation [Award](#). [Prof](#). Devy has endless contribution in protection, preservation and development of languages of the marginalized communities.

The award would be conferred [Prof](#) Ganesh N. Devy him on July 29 at a programme to be held at Guwahati. The award comprises of a memento, citation, cash 50,000, Indi shawl and an Aaronai.

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