

Parvin Etesami literary award

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The 4th Parvin Etesami biennial literary award concluded on Monday, March 7, in Tehran's Vahdat hall. During the ceremony the Islamic Guidance and Culture Minister said: "I am proud to say that Parvin's poetry had a great role in developing the society ethically." During the ceremony a documentary film about Parvin's life and works was screened which was directed by Seyyed Saeed Mir-Mohammad Sadegh.

Talking the stage the secretary of the award's board of trustees, Bahman Dorri welcomed the guests and talked about the poetry development following the Islamic Revolution and added:" Following the Islamic Revolution, poetry got on a par with the

Revolution but on the other hand the fictional literature, with all its value, did not move as fast as poetry."

He hoped that the matter would reinforce with awards and festivals including Parvin as well as developing the foundation of fictional literature.

Finally he said:" The cultural deputy office has prioritized supporting the award's laureates and praise worthies."

Furthermore the award's scientific board member, Abbasali Vafae said: "The concepts of Parvin's poetry are superior to the men's poetry and her poetry elements are full of meaning. Moreover he said that the submitted work's scientific and literary levels have boosted as well."

Moreover the award's secretary, Majid Hamidzadeh said:" Some 5476 works were submitted to the 4th Parvin Etesami biennial literary award which were evaluated by 518 experts and judges. Finally 21 works were chosen."

The compiled works were more than the translated books, he added.

Then the Islamic Guidance and Culture Minister, Seyyed Mohammad Hussein said:" The number of the participating female poets and authors and 5476 works indicates a great change of the women's presence in the filed of literature and culture."

Finally the ceremony concluded with presenting the awards and the festival's laureates bagged their gifts which included 30 gold coins, a testimonial as well as Parvin Etesami's statuette. The awards were presented by Seyyed Mohammad Hussein, Bahman Dorri, Dehghan, as well as some other literary figures.

Badr-ul-Zaman Qarib as praised as the veteran scholar and author.

The creators of praise worthy works were presented with 10 gold coins.