

Congratulations!!!

Dilip Doley

Shri Dilip Doley of Guwahati office has been selected for Special Mention Award for Director in his feature film "Panoi Jongki" at the 49th National Film Awards, 2003 held on 13th February, 2003 at New Delhi. The Honourable President of India, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam presented the award to him. Shri Doley is the producer and script-writer of the National Award winning Non-feature film "Sons of Abotani the Missings", which was adjudged the best non-feature film by DFFI in 1992. Shri Doley has been associated as the producer, director, music director and scriptwriter of various documentary films telecast by Doordarshan, Guwahati.



Congratulations to Dilip!

Dilip receiving the award at the hands of the Honourable President of India, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam.

V Rajasekar

Taking up the cause of disabled persons is a mission for Shri V Rajasekar of New Delhi office. Being a core member of DRG (Disabled Rights Group), he has been sensitizing the public in general and bringing awareness amongst them regarding issues relating to physically challenged persons. Having joined hands with the DRG, he has taken up the matter with the Government of India, CII, ASSOCHAM. Recently, the Government set up a Committee to look into the custom and excise exemption for aids and appliances being imported for use of physically challenged persons. On the eve of the World Disabled Day on 2nd December, 2002, Shri Rajasekar, himself a disabled person, alongwith a group of people advocating the cause of the physically challenged, met the President of India and submitted a memorandum to him.



Shri Rajasekar meeting Honourable President of India, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam.

The French Connection

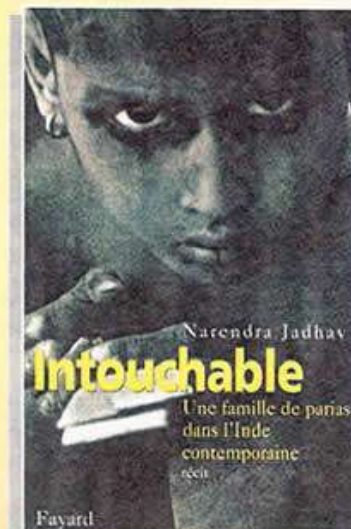


Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Officer-in-Charge, DEAP, Mumbai, was honoured at a French literary festival known as "Les Belles Étrangères" hailed as one of the biggest literary events in France, during 18th to 30th November 2002. Along with twenty other famous names in Indian literature, including Mahashweta

Devi, Nirmal Verma, M Mukundan, Upamanyu Chatterjee, Shashi Tharoor and others, Dr. Jadhav was invited to tour France, Belgium and the Netherlands as part of this festival in order to interact with book lovers through round tables, discussions and public readings. Dr. Jadhav received wide acclaim as French newspapers and tabloids carried detailed coverage about him and his novel "Intouchable" which is a French translation of his recent work "Outcaste - Life and Triumphs of an Untouchable Family In India" about to be published in English. This book has been adapted from his original novel in Marathi titled "Amcha Baap Aan Amhi" which had earlier catapulted him into the literary limelight.



Chatting with the "Without Reserve" team, Dr. Jadhav waxed eloquently about the genesis and theme of his novel, a subject apart from Economics that is close to his heart. A well-known



economist, public speaker and social worker Dr. Jadhav has several scholastic honours and professional distinctions to his credit. His recent foray into the literary field depicts another dimension of his multi faceted personality. Rising up from dire poverty and the shackles of an oppressive caste system, Dr. Jadhav writes about the trials and tribulations of an untouchable family, in his recently published book, which aroused curiosity, admiration and even adulation, in France.

The book is now being translated into many Indian and European languages and we hope it could well become one of the bestsellers of our times.