

Dr. Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, sj

Born in Samtoli (Badkatoli), Simdega, Jharkhand in humble tribal family. Had his early education in his village itself. In 1973 he joined the *Society of Jesus* and was ordained a Priest in 1987. He was educated in Ranchi, Chennai, Pune, New Delhi, and Marquette University (USA). Matriculation from *St. Ignatius High School Gumla*, Intermediate from *St. Xavier's college, Ranchi*, Novitiate & Juniorate from *St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarha, Hazaribagh*. B.Sc. (Chemistry Hons.) from *St. Xavier's College, Ranchi*. Post Graduate studies in Chemistry from Loyola College, Chennai, Philosophy from De Nobili College (Gyanadeepa Vidyapeeth), Pune and Theology from *Vidya Jyoti, Delhi*. Advanced studies in Chemistry from *Marquette University (USA)*. He did his Ph.D from the *University of Ranchi, Ranchi*. Started teaching Chemistry in JAN-1989 and besides being a professor of Chemistry at *St. Xavier's College, Ranchi*, he has also carried out administrative responsibilities as Registrar and then as the Vice-Principal of the college and working as HOD, Department of Chemistry till date.

Awards and Accolades:

1. India International Friendship society

- a. *Shiksha Ratan Puraskar-Delhi (20th Oct 2011).*
- b. *Indira Gandhi Shiromani Award, Delhi (17th Dec 2011).*
- c. *Glory of India Award, Dubai (18th Nov 2011).*

2. International Publishing House

- a. *Best Citizen of India (2011).*

3. International Institute of Education and Management

- a. *Vijay Rattan Gold Medal (2016).*

4. International Business Council

- a. *Star of Asia (2016).*

5. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT

- a. *Life time Education Achievement Award (4th September 2016)*

6. JHARKHANDI BHASHA SAHITYA SANSKRITI, AKHRA

- a. *Akhra Sahitya Samman, 2017.*

List of Publications:

1. Short Stories Collection

- a. *Khula Aasman Band Dishayen*
- b. *Rajkumaron Ke Desh Mein*
- c. *Parti Jameen*
- d. *Chhittiz Ki Talash Mein*

2. Novels

- a. *Palas Ke Phool*
- b. *Son Pahari*
- c. *Moun Ghati*
- d. *Jungle Ke Geet*

3. Memoire

- a. *Loor Gomke*

Brief Summary:

Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, s.j. has published a number of collections of his short stories and also four novels. His novels include *Son Pahari*, *Maun Ghati*, and *Jungle ke Geet*. His short story collections are *Khula Aasman Band Dishayen*, *Rajkumaron ke Desh Mein*, *Chhittiz ki Talash Mein*, *Parti Jameen* and one memoir *Loor Gomke*. His stories and novels are sensitive portrayals of the struggle of the Tribal people of Jharkhand who have to migrate as cheap labourers to far-off places like Assam, the Andamans and other states of India. All his stories and novels display great authenticity of experience since he himself belongs to the Tribal community.

खुला आसमान बंद दिशाएं: 1980 First Edition

प्लास के फूल: 1982 First Edition

पत्ती जमीन : 1983 First Edition

सेन पहाड़ी: 1984 First Edition

श्राजकुमारों के देश में: 1986 First Edition

मौन घाटी : 1997 First Edition

जंगल के गीत : 1999 First Edition

लूर गोमके : 2010 First Edition

क्षितिज की तलाश में : 2011 First Edition

पलास के फूल / सोन पहाड़ी : 2012 Revised Edition

मौन घाटी / जंगल के गीत : 2014 Revised Edition

परती जमीन : 2014 Revised Edition

The Palas Blooms: 2015 First Edition

[English Translation{By Dr. R.N. Sinha} of "Palas Ke Phool"]

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