

# Sonia Khundrakpam adorned with Yuva Puraskar



President, Sahitya Akademi present the Puraskar to the awardees.

Smt. Mamta Kalia, eminent Hindi writer, attended the occasion as Chief Guest.

On Wednesday, 28 December 2022 at 10.30 a.m., Awardees' Meet will be held at Sahitya Akademi Auditorium, First Floor, Rabindra Bhavan, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi wherein the award-winning writers will share their creative experiences. Madhav Kaushik will preside over it.

Sonia Khundrakpam, a Manipuri fiction writer, was born on April 14, 1989 in Kongba khetri Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Application, and knows Hindi and English, besides Meitei-Lon.

She began writing during her school days, and has published "Mahousagum" and

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Thoubal: A young woman eminent writer from Manipur, Sonia Khundrakpam has been conferred with Yuva Puraskar 2022 award in Manipuri language on Tuesday at a solemn function held at Triveni Kala Sangam, Tansen Marg, New Delhi.

The Yuva Puraskar, also

known as Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar, is a literary honor in India conferred Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, annually to young writers between the age of 35 and below of outstanding works in one of the twenty-four major Indian languages.

The Yuva Puraskar 2022

Awardee hails from Kongba Kshetri Leikai, Imphal East. The prestigious award has been conferred to her for her novel "Loyumba".

It may be mentioned here that the Yuva Puraskar award comprises a cash prize of rupees 50,000 and an engraved copper plaque.

Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar,

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"Loyumba", both Novels.

She is a recipient of "Debina Takhellambam Ningsing Award" and is a life member of Manipur Cultural Forum and Literary Society.

Loyumba is a valuable work of fiction in contemporary Manipuri literature. The novel demonstrates the high level of sacrifice and creates such a situation that makes the readers experience the sublime. The absorbing lyrical pattern and the impressive use of phrases and idioms added to the richness of the novel.

The author's excellent plot construction, chiseled characterization, fertile imagination, deep sensibility and elegant sense of beauty make the novel a mesmerizing read.

As such, Sahitya Akademi is happy to confer its Yuva Puraskar in Manipuri on Sonia Khundrakpam for her novel, Loyumba.