

# Poet Gill, writer Kire among 21 Sahitya Akademi awardees

*New Delhi:* Hindi poet Gagan Gill and English writer Easterine Kire are among the 21 recipients of the annual Sahitya Akademi Awards, the organisation announced on Wednesday.

Recommended by jury members in 21 languages, the awards recognise works in different categories including novels, short stories, poetry, essays and plays.

Gagan Gill was selected for her book on poetry "Main Jab Tak Aai Bahar", while Kire made it to the coveted list for her novel "Spirit Nights".

The winning list includes eight poetry books, three novels, two short stories, three essays, three works of literary criticism, one play and one research. **PTI**