

Sahitya Akademi Award winners feted at 'Festival of Letters'



Anuradha Roy receives the award for her novel, *All The Lives We Never Lived*, in New Delhi on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Twenty-four writers across as many Indian languages were honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Award, 2022 at the beginning of the 39th 'Festival of Letters' here on Saturday.

Hindi author Badri Narayan and English writer Anuradha Roy were among those who received the prestigious literary award at a ceremony held at Kamani Auditorium on the inaugural day of the literary festival, organised by the Sahitya Akademi. While Mr. Narayan received the honour for his collection of poems titled *Tumadi Ke Shabd*, Ms. Roy was awarded for her novel *All the Lives We Never Lived* in English.

The other awardees are Manoj Kumar Goswami (Assamese), Tapan Ban-

dyopadhyay (Bengali), Rashmi Choudhury (Bodo), Veena Gupta (Dogri), Gulammohammed Sheikh (Gujarati), Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy (Kannada), Farooq Fayaz (Kashmiri), Maya Anil Kharangate (Konkani), Ajit Azad (Maithili), and M. Thomas Mathew (Malayalam).

Manipuri author Koijam Shantibala Devi, K.B. Nepali (Nepali), Pravin Dashrath Bandekar (Marathi), Gayatri-bala Panda (Odia), Sukhjit (Punjabi), Janardan Prasad Pandey 'Mani' (Sanskrit), Kamal Ranga (Rajasthani), Jagannath Soren (Santali), Kanhaiyalal Lekhwani (Sindhi), M Rajendran (Tamil), Madhuranthakam Narendra (Telugu), and Anis Ashfaq (Urdu) also received the prestigious award comprising ₹1 lakh in cash, an engraved copper plaque and a shawl.