





# Poet Mallik gets Kendra Award



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Three writers from Odisha have

been selected for the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award 2021.

Poet Hrushikesh Mallik will receive the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award for his book 'Sarijaithiba Apera'

Digaraj Brahma and Debabrata Das will be conferred with Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2021 (Odia) and Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2021 (Odia) for their books 'Geeta Kahe Matir Katha' and 'Sparsha O Anya Galpa', respectively.

## **Hrushikesh gets Akademi Award for 'Sarijaithiba Opera'**

**Bhubaneswar:** Noted Odia poet Hrushikesh Mallick has been selected for this year's Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award. Also, Digaraj Brahma and Debabrata Das have been named the Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar and the Yuva Puraskar awardees, respectively.

"I am happy for the award, but I never aspired to get one while writing my books. I am happy that readers like my writings. After completing a book, I just move on to the next creative process and never look back," said Mallick, who was appointed as the president of the Odisha Sahitya Academy in May.

Mallick's collection of poems, 'Sarijaithiba Opera', has been selected for the prestigious award. He has written 40 books, including 12 on poetry, two collections of stories and 10 literary criticisms. His poems have been translated into English, Hindi and Bengali. Mallick has won many awards, including the Odisha Sahitya Academy Award, and the prestigious Sarala Samman for his contribution to Odia literature.

Brahma's book, "Geeta Kahi Matira Katha", will receive the Bal Sahitya Puraskar, while Das's book, "Sparsha Ebam Anyanya Galpa", will receive the Yuva Puraskar of the Akademi. TNN