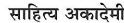
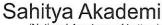
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PRESS RELEASE Sahitya Akademi Award 2020

Sahitya Akademi, announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 20 languages today. Seven books of poetry, Four of novel, Five of short stories, Two Plays, one each of Memoirs and Epic Poetry have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020. Awards in Malayalam, Nepali, Odia and Rajasthani languages will be announced at a later date.

The Awards, recommended by distinguished Jury members in 20 Indian languages, were approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Those who won the Award for poetry include Ms. Arundhathi Subramaniam (English), Sri Harish Meenashru (Gujarati), Ms. Anamika (Hindi), Sri R.S. Bhaskar (Konkani), Sri Irungbam Deven (Manipuri), Sri Rupchand Hansdah (Santali), Sri Nikhileswar (Telugu). Those who won for novels include Sri Nanda Khare (Marathi), Dr. Maheshchandra Sharma Gautam (Sanskrit), Sri Imaiyam (Tamil) and Sri Hussain-ul-Haque (Urdu).

Those who won for Short stories include Sri Apurba Kumar Saikia (Assamese), Sri (late) Dharanidhar Owari (Bodo), Sri (Late) Hirday Koul Bharti (Kashmiri), Sri Kamalkant Jha (Maithili) and Sri Gurdev Singh Rupana (Punjabi). Those who won for Plays are Sri Gian Singh (Dogri), Sri Jetho Lalwani (Sindhi). Sankar (Manishankar Mukhopadhyay) in (Bengali) has received for Memoir and M. Veerappa Moily (Kannada) for Epic Poetry respectively.

The books were selected on the basis of recommendations made by a Jury of three members in the concerned languages in accordance with the procedure laid down for the purpose. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous selections made by the Jurors or selection made on the basis of majority vote. The Awards relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e. between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2018).

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- towards cash content will be presented at the award presentation function which will be held at a later date.

(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encl: List of Award-winners & Jury members

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2020

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Bengsata (Short Stories)	Apurba Kumar Saikia
Bengali	Eka Eka Ekashi (Memoirs)	Sankar (Manishankar Mukhopadhyay)
Bodo	Gwthenay Lamayao Gwdan Agan (Short Stories)	(late) Dharanidhar Owari
Dogri	Baba Jitmal (Play)	Gian Singh
English	When God Is a Traveller (Poetry)	Arundhathi Subramaniam
Gujarati	Banaras Diary (Poetry)	Harish Meenashru
Hindi	Tokri Mein Digant 'Their Gatha' : 2014 (Poetry)	Anamika
Kannada	Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam (Epic Poetry)	M. Veerappa Moily
Kashmiri	Tilasm-e-Khanabadosh (Short Stories)	(Late) Hirday Koul Bharti
Konkani	Yugaparivarthanancho Yatri (Poetry)	R.S. Bhaskar
Maithili	Gachh Roosal Achhi (Short Stories)	Kamalkant Jha
Manipuri	Malangbana Kari Hai (Poetry)	Irungbam Deven
Vlarathi	Udya (Novel)	Nanda Khare
Punjabi	Aam Khass (Short Stories)	Gurdev Singh Rupana
Sanskrit	Vaishali (Novel)	Mahesh Chandra Sharma Gautam
Santali	Gur Dak Kasa Dak (Poetry)	Rupchand Hansdah
Sindhi	Jehad (Plays)	Jetho Lalwani
「amil	Sellaatha Panam (Novel)	Imaiyam
elugu	Agniswaasa (2015-2017) (Poetry)	Nikhileswar
Jrdu	Amawas Main Khwab (Novel)	Hussain-ul-Haque

Nepali, Odia, Malayalam and Rajasthani to be declared later.

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2020

ASSAMESE BENGALI		
Sri Pradip Acharya	Sri Shamik Bandyopadhyay	
Sri Nitya Borah	Prof. Soma Bandyopadhyay	
Sri Harekrishna Deka	Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti	
BODO	DOGRI	
 Dr. Phukan Chandra Basumatary 	Sri Krishan Sharma	
Sri Tiren Boro	Prof. Shiv Dev Singh Manhas	
Dr. Anjali Daimari	Prof. Veena Gupta	
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KASHMIRI	KONKANI	
 Prof. Rattan Lal Shant 	Smt. Hema Pundalik Naik	
Smt. Naseem Shafaie	Sri K. Gokuldas Prabhu	
Sri Rafiq Raaz	 Smt. Sheela Tukaram Kolambkar 	
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 Sri Mahendranarayan Ram 	Smt. Ibemhal Chanu (Arambam O	
 Dr. Bhagwanji Choudhary 	Memchoubi)	
 Sri Prabhas Kumar Jha 	Prof. N. Tombi Singh	
	Dr. Makhonmani Mongsaba	
MARATHI	PUNJABI	
 Dr. Nishikant Mirajkar 	 Sri Baldev Singh Sadaknama 	
 Sri Satish Kalsekar 	Dr. Mohanjit	
Sri Vasant Abaji Dahake	Prof. Satinder Singh	
SANSKRIT	SANTALI	
 Sri Radhavallabha Tripathi 	Dr. Damayanti Beshra	
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Sri Anand Khemani	Dr. U. Alibava	
Sri Hiro Thakur	 Mr. Kalayana Sundaram (Vannathasan) 	
Dr. Prem Prakash	Dr. M. Thirumalai	
TELUGU	URDU	
 Prof. Kalakaluri Enoch 	 Prof. Bhupinder Aziz Parihar 	
Dr. K. Ramachandra Murthy	Dr. Raza Haider	
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