## K.V. Narayana bags Sahitya Akademi Award for *Nudigala Alivu*

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Kannada critic, linguist and writer K.V. Narayana won the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2024 for the book *Nudigala Alivu*.

The award was announced to Prof. Narayana in the category of literary criticism', along with Marathi author Sudhir Rasal, and Telugu writer Penugonda Lakshminarayana. *Nudigala Alivu*, that was published in 2018 by Harivu Books.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Prof. Narayana said he is happy to be receiving the award for the book which

talks about the death of language. The book debates what disappearance of languages mean to cultures, how it happens and what is the right way to address the issue of languages fading away.

The Sahitya Akademi on Wednesday announced its annual awards in 21 languages for books published between January 2018 to December 2022, including eight books of poetry, three novels, two short stories, three essays, three books of literary criticism, one play and one research work, Awards for works in Bengali, Dogri and Urdu will be declared at a later stage.