

Punjabi poet, Valley writer win Akademi awards

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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.

Gill was selected for her book on poetry "Main Jab Tak Aai Bahar", 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. Sohan Kaul will receive the award for her Kashmiri novel "Psychiatric Ward", while Paul Kaur has been selected for her Punjabi book on poetry "Sun Gunvanta Sun Budhivanta: Itihaasnama Punjab".

Other recipients of award in poetry include K Jayakumar (Malayalam), Haobam Satya-

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bati Devi (Manipuri), Dileep Jhaveri (Gujarati), Sameer Tanti (Assamese), Mukut Maniraj (Rajasthani) and Dipak Kumar Sharma (Sanskrit). Aron Raja also made it to the winning list in the novels genre for his fiction book "Swrni Thakhai" in Bodo.

Yuva Baral's "Chhichimira" (Nepali) and Hundraj Balwani's "Purzo" (Sindhi) were the picks in the short stories section. Mukesh Thali (Konkani), Mahendra Malangia (Maithili) and Baishnab Charan Samai (Odia) will receive the award for their essays. KV Narayana, Sudhir Rasal and Penugonda Lakshminarayana will be awarded for their criticism in Kannada, Marathi and Telugu. — PTI