

Sahitya Akademi honour for 'Birbal' author

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Kolkata: Author **Tapan Bandyopadhyay** has been conferred the Sahitya Akademi Award 2022 in Bengali for his novel, 'Birbal'. The decision was taken by a



three-member jury comprising Goutam Ghoshdastidar, Samaresh Majumder and Himabanta Bandyopadhyay.

Bandyopadhyay started his literary career as a poet. Later, he felt his experiences in the various positions of public service couldn't be expressed through poetry alone, and he started writing short stories and novels. Bandyopadhyay told **TOI** the award announcement was a perfect New Year's Eve gift.

The writer has 50 fiction works, 53 crime fictions, and nine books of poetry to his credit. In 2019, he was given the Sahitya Akademi translation award for translating Sitakanta Mahapatra's Odia long-verse titled 'Bharatbarsha'. "After numerous nominations, this is the first time my name has been finally selected," said Bandyopadhyay.