

# Tharoor wins Sahitya Akademi Award for his book on British rule



Congress leader Shashi Tharoor | PTI

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CONGRESS parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for *An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India*. Tharoor won for his non-fiction work in English, the announcement said, among other winners feature playwright Nand Kishore Acharya for Hindi poetry.

Tharoor's book talks about the British rule in India explaining how exploitative the colonisation was for India.

The Akademi announced its awards in 23 languages, including Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Santhali, Kashmiri, Odia, Sanskrit, Sindhi and Urdu, among others. The award ceremony will be held on February 25 at the Festival of Letters or-

ganised by the Sahitya Akademi in New Delhi.

For poetry, the other awardees included Phukan Ch. Basumatary (Bodo), Nilba A. Khandekar (Konkani), Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V. Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi) and Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

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gh (Beryl Thanga) (Manipuri), Cho. Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Narayana Swamy (Telugu) won awards for novels. The awardees for short stories for the Sahitya Akademi award 2019 were Abdul Ahad Hajini (Kashmiri), Sri Tarun Kanti Mishra (Odia), Sri Kirpal Kazak (Punjabi), Sri Ramsawroop Kisan (Rajasthani), Sri Kali Charan Hembram (Santali) and Sri Ishwar Moorjani (Sindhi).



# Tharoor, 22 others picked for Akademi Award 2019

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chosen for the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award 2019.

The national academy of letters announced names of the winners on Wednesday.

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