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Press Release

Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2026

Sahitya Akademi is inviting books for Yuva Puraskar 2026 from publishers and young Indian authors in all the 24 languages recognized by the Akademi. The age of author should be 35 or below as on 1st January 2026. Last date of submission is 31 August 2025. Applicant should submit two copies of each title along with self attested copy of date of birth certificate (Aadhar card/ Passport/ Driving License/Voter card). For details about the award please refer to the Yuva Puraskar Rules, available on our website at www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in.

Sahitya Akademi introduced Yuva Puraskar in 2011 to encourage young writers writing in Indian languages and who are below the age of 35. The awards have been given to the best book by young Indian authors in the Indian languages recognized by the Akademi, viz., Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Rajasthani, Santali, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. These awards are presented at a prestigious ceremony and comprise an amount of Rs. 50,000/-, a plaque and a citation.

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