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Press Release

Hindi and English translation of Harekrushna Mahatab's book *Gan Majlis*, published by Sahitya Akademi, was presented to the Hon'ble President of India

The book *Gan Majlis (Vol. III)* received the Sahitya Akademi Award in the year 1983

New Delhi, 21 November 2024: On the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr Harekrushna Mahatab, popularly known as Utkal Kesari, a renowned politician, writer, freedom fighter and social worker of Odisha, organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, the first copy of the books in Hindi and English translations of his Sahitya Akademi Award winning Odia Essays collection - *Gaan Majlis*, published by Sahitya Akademi, were presented to the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu at a grand function. On this occasion, she was also presented with a new reprinted edition of the monograph on Harekrushna Mahatab, published by the Akademi. The English translator of *Gan Majlis-Vol. III* is Tarun Kumar Sahu and the Hindi translator is Sujata Shiven. The author of the Odia monograph is Vaishnav Charan Samal.

Sahitya Akademi also exhibited the books, authored by Harekrushna Mahatab which were overviewed by the Hon'ble President of India. At this exhibition, Secretary of Sahitya Akademi, Dr K. Sreenivasarao, welcomed the Hon'ble President and conversed about the books of Dr Mahatab at length. The Hon'ble President was accompanied by Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Sri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Tourism, Sri Mohan Charan Majhi, Chief Minister of Odisha, and Sri Bhartrahari Mahatab, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and the son of Harekrushna Mahtab. The Education Minister, Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, while delivering his speech felt that there is a need for the young generation to read Harekrushna Mahatab, the creator of New-Odisha. With a view to fulfil this, he stated further that the Hindi and English translations of Mahtab's book and his monograph, published by Sahitya Akademi, will be helpful for the purpose. The Hon'ble President, Draupadi Murmu, Tourism and Culture Minister, Sri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Mohan Charan Majhi also addressed the gathering during the function. A postage stamp and a coin in the memory of Harekrushna Mahatab was also released by the Hon'ble President of India.


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