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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2022 Presentation Ceremony**

Today, Sahitya Akademi, India's premier literary institution and an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, presented its Yuva Puraskar 2022 to 24 young Indian writers at a splendid ceremony at Triveni Kala Sangam, Tansen Marg, New Delhi.

At the outset, Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, welcomed the dignitaries, award winners, media personalities and the impressive gathering of eminent literary connoisseurs. He expressed that National Youth Day is fast approaching and it is Swami Vivekananda who said youth is the best phase of life. It is the young people who are the harbingers of prosperity and innovation. He further stated that Sahitya Akademi is very much active to promote and encourage young writers in all the 24 Indian languages recognized by it. The Yuva Puraskar is one of the initiatives to encourage the young writers. Apart from this, the Akademi also has schemes and projects to encourage young writers of India such as the Yuva Sahiti programme, Navodaya Scheme, Travel Grant to young writers and others.

In the absentia of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President of Sahitya Akademi, Sri Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President of the Akademi, while delivering the presidential address said that the Akademi by its Yuva Puraskar honours those young writers who have to build the future of our culture through their creative writings. He expressed today's young writers are mostly multilingual. They use technology which adds value to new diction, new language, new potential and new creative power. The day is not far when the Indian youth will be acknowledged at the international platform.

Dr. Sreenivasarao read out the citations and Sri Madhav Kaushik presented Yuva Puraskar to the awardees on behalf of the President, Sahitya Akademi.

Smt. Mamta Kalia, renowned Hindi writer, who was the Chief Guest at the ceremony, stated that during the past decades, the young writers were not given much attention. However, today, all the institutions have recognized the need of giving importance to the youth and the Akademi has done a commendable work in this regard by conferring its Yuva Puraskar to the young writers under the age of 35 years. Today's young writers are multi-talented and have more options when compared with the past. They bring with them experiences from different arenas of life which are beautifully reflected in their writings. Their language and style are extremely vibrant and able to deal aptly with the challenges of present times.

The Yuva Puraskar 2022 were presented to Pradyumna Kumar Gogoi (*Assamese*), Suman Patari (*Bengali*), Alangbar Muchahary (*Bodo*), Ashu Sharma (*Dogri*), Mihir Vatsa (*English*), Bharat Kheni (*Gujarati*), Bhagwant Anmol (*Hindi*), Dadapeer Jyman (*Kannada*), Shaista Khan (*Kashmiri*), Myron Jeson Barreto (*Konkani*), Navkrishna Aihik (*Maithili*), Anagha J. Kolath (*Malayalam*), Sonia Khundrakpam (*Manipuri*), Pawan Nalat (*Marathi*), Roshan Rai 'Chot' (*Nepali*), Dillip Behera (*Odia*), Sandhu Gagan (Gagandeep Singh) (*Punjabi*), Aashish Purohit (*Rajasthani*), Shruti Kanitkar (*Sanskrit*), Salge Hansdah (*Santali*), Hina Aswani (*Sindhi*), P. Kalimuthu (*Tamil*), Pallipattu Nagaraju (*Telugu*) and Maqsood Aafaque (*Urdu*).

**K. Sreenivasarao**