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Sahitya Akademi Award 2019

New Delhi, 18 December 2019. Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 23 languages today. Seven books of poetry, four of novel, six of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019.

The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 23 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Seven books of poetry were awarded to Dr. Phukan Ch. Basumatary (Bodo), Dr. Nand Kishore Acharya (Hindi), Sri Nilba A. Khandekar (Konkani), Sri Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), Sri V. Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Smt. Anuradha Patil (Marathi) and Prof. Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

Four novels were awarded to Dr. Joysree Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), Sri L. Birmangol Singh (Beryl Thanga) (Manipuri), Sri Cho. Dharman (Tamil) and Sri Bandi Narayana Swamy (Telugu).

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Six books of short stories were awarded to Sri 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).

Dr. Shashi Tharoor (English), Dr. Vijaya (Kannada) and Prof. Shafey Kidwai (Urdu) have won for each of their works on creative non-fiction, autobiography and biography respectively. Three books of essays were awarded to Dr. Chinmoy Guha (Bengali), Sri Om Sharma Jandriari (Dogri) and Sri Ratilal Borisagar (Gujarati).

The books were selected on the basis of recommendations made by a Jury of three members in the concerned languages in accordance with the procedure laid down for the purpose. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous selections made by the Jurors or selection made on the basis of majority vote. The Awards relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e. between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2017).

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- towards cash content will be presented to the authors of these books at a special function to be held on 25 February 2020 at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters organized by Sahitya Akademi.


(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encl: List of Award-winners & Jury members

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2019

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Chanakya (Novel)	Joysree Goswami Mahanta
Bengali	Ghumer Darja Thele (Essays)	Chinmoy Guha
Bodo	Akhai Athumniphrai (Poetry)	Phukan Ch. Basumatary
Dogri	Bandralta Darpan (Essays)	Om Sharma Jandriari
English	An Era of Darkness (Non-Fiction)	Shashi Tharoor
Gujarati	Mojma Revu Re (Essays)	Ratilal Borisagar
Hindi	Chheelate Hue Apne Ko (Poetry)	Nand Kishore Acharya
Kannada	Kudi Esaru (Autobiography)	Vijaya
Kashmiri	Akh Yaad Akh Qayamat (Short Stories)	Abdul Ahad Hajini
Konkani	The Words (Poetry)	Nilba A. Khandekar
Maithili	Jingik Oriakon Karait (Poetry)	Kumar Manish Arvind
Malayalam	Achan Piranna Veedu (Poetry)	V. Madhusoodanan Nair
Manipuri	Ei Amadi Adungeigi Eethat (Novel)	L. Birmangol Singh (Beryl Thanga)
Marathi	Kadachit Ajoonahi (Poetry)	Anuradha Patil
Odia	Bhaswati (Short Stories)	Tarun Kanti Mishra
Punjabi	Antheen (Short Stories)	Kirpal Kazak
Rajasthani	Bareek Baat (Short Stories)	Ramsawroop Kisan
Sanskrit	Prajnachakshusham (Poetry)	Penna Madhusudan
Santali	Sisirjali (Short Stories)	Kali Charan Hembram
Sindhi	Jeejal (Short Stories)	Ishwar Moorjani
Tamil	Sool (Novel)	Cho. Dharman
Telugu	Septabhoomi (Novel)	Bandi Narayana Swamy
Urdu	Sawaneh-E-Sir Syed: Ek Bazdeed (Biography)	Shafey Kidwai

Nepali to be declared later

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2019

ASSAMESE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Basanta Bhattacharya• Sri Gagan Ch. Adhikary• Prof. Umesh Deka	BENGALI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Bani Basu• Sri Pabitra Mukhopadhyay• Sri Usharanjan Bhattacharya
BODO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sri Nabin Malla Boro• Dr. Rita Baro• Sri U.G. Brahma	DOGRI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smt. Padma Sachdev• Prof. Shashi Pathania• Dr. Narsingh Dev Jamwal
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URDU <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sri Janki Prasad Sharma• Sri Maher Mansoor• Sri Mohd. Khaleel	