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Sahitya Akademi Award 2020

Sahitya Akademi, announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 20 languages today. Seven books of poetry, Four of novel, Five of short stories, Two Plays, one each of Memoirs and Epic Poetry have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020. Awards in Malayalam, Nepali, Odia and Rajasthani languages will be announced at a later date.

The Awards, recommended by distinguished Jury members in 20 Indian languages, were approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Those who won the Award for poetry include Ms. Arundhathi Subramaniam (English), Sri Harish Meenashru (Gujarati), Ms. Anamika (Hindi), Sri R.S. Bhaskar (Konkani), Sri Irungbam Deven (Manipuri), Sri Rupchand Hansdah (Santali), Sri Nikhileswar (Telugu). Those who won for novels include Sri Nanda Khare (Marathi), Dr. Maheshchandra Sharma Gautam (Sanskrit), Sri Imaiyam (Tamil) and Sri Hussain-ul-Haque (Urdu).

Those who won for Short stories include Sri Apurba Kumar Saikia (Assamese), Sri (late) Dharanidhar Owari (Bodo), Sri (Late) Hirday Koul Bharti (Kashmiri), Sri Kamalkant Jha (Maithili) and Sri Gurdev Singh Rupana (Punjabi). Those who won for Plays are Sri Gian Singh (Dogri), Sri Jetho Lalwani (Sindhi). Sankar (Manishankar Mukhopadhyay) in (Bengali) has received for Memoir and M. Veerappa Moily (Kannada) for Epic Poetry respectively.

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 2014 and 31 December 2018).

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 at the award presentation function which will be held at a later date.


(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encl: List of Award-winners & Jury members

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2020

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Bengsata (Short Stories)	Apurba Kumar Saikia
Bengali	Eka Eka Ekashi (Memoirs)	Sankar (Manishankar Mukhopadhyay)
Bodo	Gwthenay Lamayao Gwdan Agan (Short Stories)	(late) Dharanidhar Owari
Dogri	Baba Jitmal (Play)	Gian Singh
English	When God Is a Traveller (Poetry)	Arundhathi Subramaniam
Gujarati	Banaras Diary (Poetry)	Harish Meenashru
Hindi	Tokri Mein Digant 'Their Gatha' : 2014 (Poetry)	Anamika
Kannada	Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam (Epic Poetry)	M. Veerappa Moily
Kashmiri	Tilasm-e-Khanabadosh (Short Stories)	(Late) Hirday Koul Bharti
Konkani	Yugaparivarthanancha Yatri (Poetry)	R.S. Bhaskar
Maithili	Gachh Roosai Achhi (Short Stories)	Kamalkant Jha
Manipuri	Malangbana Kari Hai (Poetry)	Irungbam Deven
Marathi	Udya (Novel)	Nanda Khare
Punjabi	Aam Khass (Short Stories)	Gurdev Singh Rupana
Sanskrit	Vaishali (Novel)	Mahesh Chandra Sharma Gautam
Santali	Gur Dak Kasa Dak (Poetry)	Rupchand Hansdah
Sindhi	Jehad (Plays)	Jetho Lalwani
Tamil	Sellaatha Panam (Novel)	Imaiyam
Telugu	Agniswaasa (2015-2017) (Poetry)	Nikhileswar
Urdu	Amawas Main Khwab (Novel)	Hussain-ul-Haque

Nepali, Odia, Malayalam and Rajasthani to be declared later.

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2020

ASSAMESE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Pradip Acharya • Sri Nitya Borah • Sri Harekrishna Deka 	BENGALI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Shamik Bandyopadhyay • Prof. Soma Bandyopadhyay • Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti
BODO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Phukan Chandra Basumatary • Sri Tiren Boro • Dr. Anjali Daimari 	DOGRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Krishan Sharma • Prof. Shiv Dev Singh Manhas • Prof. Veena Gupta
ENGLISH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan • Prof. Makarand Paranjape • Prof. Radha Chakravarty 	GUJARATI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Mohan Parmar • Prof. Shirish Panchal • Sri Vinesh Antani
HINDI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smt. Chitra Mudgal • Prof. K.L. Verma • Dr. Ramvachan Roy 	KANNADA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Aravind Malagathy • Dr. Padma Prasad • Dr. S.G. Siddaramayya
KASHMIRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Rattan Lal Shant • Smt. Naseem Shafaie • Sri Rafiq Raaz 	KONKANI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smt. Hema Pundalik Naik • Sri K. Gokuldas Prabhu • Smt. Sheela Tukaram Kolambkar
MAITHILI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Mahendranarayan Ram • Dr. Bhagwanji Choudhary • Sri Prabhas Kumar Jha 	MANIPURI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smt. Ibehal Chanu (Arambam O Memchoubi) • Prof. N. Tombi Singh • Dr. Makhonmani Mongsaba
MARATHI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nishikant Mirajkar • Sri Satish Kalsekar • Sri Vasant Abaji Dahake 	PUNJABI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Baldev Singh Sadaknama • Dr. Mohanjit • Prof. Satinder Singh
SANSKRIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Radhavallabha Tripathi • Prof. C. Rajendran • Prof. Ark Nath Choudhary 	SANTALI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Damayanti Beshra • Sri Bhogla Soren • Sri Kherwal Soren
SINDHI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Anand Khemani • Sri Hiro Thakur • Dr. Prem Prakash 	TAMIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. U. Alibava • Mr. Kalayana Sundaram (Vannathasan) • Dr. M. Thirumalai
TELUGU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Kalakaluri Enoch • Dr. K. Ramachandra Murthy • Prof. S. V. Satyanarayana 	URDU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Bhupinder Aziz Parihar • Dr. Raza Haider • Sri Shamim Tariq