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**Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2021 Presented**

At a glittering ceremony at the SRM University Auditorium in Chennai on 30 March 2022, Sahitya Akademi, India's premier literary institution, presented its prestigious Yuva Puraskar to 23 young writers of India.

Dr. K. Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, welcomed the dignitaries, award winners and audience, talked about the importance of youth writing and added that it is young people in all civilizations who drive social change and progress.

In his presidential address, Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President of Sahitya Akademi, emphasized the impact of young writers on the world and the reach of such writings in solving crises in many spheres. He added that youth is the best phase of human life and that young writers should strive to make a distinct literary identity for themselves.

Dr. Sreenivasarao read out the citations and Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar presented Yuva Puraskar to the awardees.

Sri S. Ramakrishnan, an eminent Tamil writer and critic, who was the Chief Guest at the ceremony, stated that writers document the struggles, triumphs and travails of humanity through their writings. He shared many anecdotes, cited stories and poems of distinguished Tamil writers and poets, and observed that young writers can influence and change the destiny of many young people in society.

In his concluding address, Sri Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, Sahitya Akademi, said that the young writers are harbingers of new worlds, bring freshness, newer ideas and paths to walk and that is the reason why the young writers in all the languages should be preserved and promoted. All the speakers congratulated the Award winners.

Yuva Puraskar 2021 was presented to Abhijit Bora (Assamese), Gourab Chakraborty (Bengali), Gautam Daimary (Bodo), Arun Aksh Dev (Dogri), Drashti Soni (Gujarati), Himanshu Bajpai (Hindi), H. Lakshmi Narayana Swamy (Kannada), Razi Tahir Bagath (Kashmiri), Amit Mishra (Maithili), Mobin Mohan (Malayalam), Lenin Khumancha (Manipuri), Pranav Sakhadeo (Marathi), Mahesh Dahal (Nepali), Debabrata Das (Odia), Veerdavinder Singh (Punjabi), Swetapadma Satapathy (Sanskrit), Kuna Hansdah (Santali), Rakesh Shewani (Sindhi), Karthik Balasubramanian (Tamil), Thagulla Gopal (Telugu) and Umar Farhat (Urdu). The Award for Megha Majumdar (English) was received by her representative. Shradha Garad (Konkani) could not attend.

  
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