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- ➤ Akademi Awards 2016 were presented.
- ➤ Akademi Translation Prizes 2015 were presented.
- Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2016 were presented.
- Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2016 were presented.
- Bhasha Samman was presented.
- Sahitya Akademi Fellowship was presented
- ➤ A new programme series 'Gramalok' was launched
- ➤ For the first time in its history, the Akademi organized a programme in Kargil
- ➤ A total of 651 programmes were organized across the country
 - ❖ 65 Seminars, 104 Symposia and one Language Convention were organized.
 - ❖ 150 Literary Forum programmes were organized.
 - ❖ 8 Loka, 6 Mulakat, 7 Yuva Sahiti, 22 Kathasandhi, 27 Kavisandhi, 16 Asmita, 11 Multilingual Meets, 21 Writers' Meets, 12 Tribal & Oral Literature programmes, 15 North-Eastern & Regional Meets, 18 Nari Chetna, 14 Through My Window programmes, 24 Meet the Author programmes, 12 People and Books programmes, 16 Translation Workshops and 2 Creative Writing Workshops apart from 100 literary events in different heads and all over the country were organized.
- ➤ 618 Books including reprints were brought out.
- ➤ 158 Book Exhibitions were organized and participated in 2016-2017
- 2140 volumes were added to the existing collection of books in Sahitya Akademi libraries
- ➤ 4 documentaries on eminent Indian Writers were produced taking tally of Sahitya Akademi documentaries to 127
- ➤ 6 Issues of Indian Literature, 6 issues of Samakaleena Bharatiya Sahitya and 4 issues of Sanskrit Pratibha were published



ahitya Akademi, India's Premier Institution of Letters, preserves and promotes literature in 24 languages of India recognized by it. It organizes programmes, confers Awards and Fellowships on writers in Indian languages and publishes books throughout the year and in 24 recognized languages.

Over the past six decades, the Akademi has published over 7000 books in 24 languages. The Akademi publishes original works and also works in translation — fiction, poetry, drama and criticism —covering classical, medieval, pre-modern and contemporary literature. The Akademi is also involved in promoting quality children's literature.

Akademi Awards are most prestigious literary awards in India. Sahitya Akademi Award, awarded to the most outstanding book(s) of literary merit published in the 24 Indian languages recognized by the Akademi. Bhasha Samman (given to writers / scholars / editors / collectors / performers / translators who have made considerable contribution to the propagation and enrichment of languages that have not been recognized by the Akademi in addition to stellar contributions to the research into classical and medieval literature of the country), Translation Prize (given to outstanding translations in all the 24 languages recognized by the Akademi), Bal Sahitya Puraskar (given to outstanding contributions to children's literature in 24 languages) and Yuva Puraskar (given to young Indian writers in 24 languages) are the awards instituted by the Akademi.

Every year the Akademi hosts at least 50 seminars at regional, national and international levels in addition to more than 400 literary gatherings, workshops and lectures. Meet the Author (where a distinguished writer talks about his/her works and life), Samvatsar Lectures (given by a distinguished writer / creative thinker who has a thorough understanding of Indian literature), Kavi Anuvadak (provides opportunity for the audience to enjoy poetry in both the original and in translation), People and Books (where distinguished persons from interdisciplinary areas deliver lectures), Kathasandhi (a programme where a novel in the process or recently published short stories are read and discussed), Kavisandhi (providing poetry lovers an opportunity to hear the poetry being read out by the poet herself / himself), Loka (a programme on folklore comprising lectures and performances), Nari Chetna (a programme to provide platform for women writers writing in Indian languages), Yuva Sahiti (a new programme to encourage young writers writing in different Indian languages), Purvottari

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(a platform aimed at providing opportunities for writers from North-East to showcase their talent) and Translation workshops (bringing together translators from different parts of the country) are some of the popular programmes of the Akademi. The Akademi organizes Festival of Letters every year to celebrate Indian writing. Sahitya Akademi promotes Tribal and Oral Literature in the country through its Centre for Tribal and Oral Literature in Delhi and North-East Centre for Oral Literature in Imphal. Recently Sahitya Akademi has launched a Village Outreach programme, Gramalok, to promote literature in rural spaces.

The Akademi also confers Fellowships on eminent Indian writers and foreign scholars who have served Indian literature. Ananda Coomaraswamy Fellowship for scholars from Asian countries to pursue literary projects and Premchand Fellowship for scholars doing research on Indian literature from SAARC countries are two other prominent Fellowships of the Akademi.

Monographs on Indian writers (MIL), Encyclopaedias and Anthologies are some of the major projects undertaken by the Akademi. The Akademi is also involved in literary exchanges with different countries and send and receive several writers' delegations every year besides taking part in literary festivals and book fairs abroad.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The supreme authority of the Akademi vests in its General Council

The general policy of the Sahitya Akademi and basic principles of programmes are laid down by the General Council and implemented under the direct supervision of an Executive Board. There is an Advisory Board for each language consisting of 10 eminent writers and scholars on whose advice the specific programme in the language concerned is formulated and implemented.

The tenure of the General Council is five years. The General Council elects the President, the Vice-President, the members of the Executive Board representing languages, and one representative of the General Council on the Finance Committee of the SahityaAkademi. Advisory Boards for various languages are appointed by the Executive Board.

The General Council of the Akademi consists of 99 members made up as follows:

- 1. President of Sahitya Akademi
- 2. Vice President of Sahitya Akademi (elected from among its members)
- 3. Financial Adviser

- 4. Five members nominated by the Government of India
- 5. Thirty-five representatives of the States of the Union of India and Union Territories
- 6. Twenty-four representatives of the languages recognized by the Sahitya Akademi
- 7. Twenty representatives of the Universities of India
- 8. Eight persons elected by the General Council for their eminence in the field of letters
- 9. One representative each of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, The Lalit Kala Akademi, The Indian Council for Cultural Relations, The Federation of Indian Publishers and The Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the following members, namely;

- A. The President of Sahitya Akademi
- B. The Vice President of Sahitya Akademi
- C. The Financial Adviser
- D. Two members nominated by the Government of India from among their nominees on the General Council
- E. One person to represent each of the languages enumerated in the Constitution of India and such other languages as may be recognized by the Akademi elected by the General Council from among its members.

The President may, at his discretion, invite to any meeting of the Executive Board, a member of the General Council in the interest of encouraging languages other than those referred to in the preceding sentence and involving them more closely with the activities of the Akademi.

THE PRESIDENT

The first president of the Sahitya Akademi was Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. He was re-elected in 1963. After his demise in May 1964, the General Council elected Dr. S. Radhakrishnan as the President of the Sahitya Akademi. Then, after the reconstitution of the General Council, Dr. Zakir Husain was elected as the President of the Sahitya Akademi in 1968. After his demise in May 1969, the General Council elected Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji as the President. He was re-elected by the General Council in February 1973. After his death in May 1977, Prof. K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Vice President, was designated as the Acting President. In February 1978, Prof. Umashanar Joshi was elected as the President. In February 1983, Prof. V.K. Gokak





was elected the President and in February 1988, Dr. B.K. Bhattacharyya was elected. Prof. U.R. Anantha Murthy became the President in 1993. Sri Ramakanta Rath was elected President in 1998, after whom Prof. Gopi Chand Narang became President in 2003. Sri Sunil Gangopadhyay was elected President in 2008. The General Council was reconstituted for the term 2013-2017, and elected Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari as its President in 2013.

THE CONSTITUTION

The Sahitya Akademi was established by a resolution passed by the Government of India on 15 December, 1952, in which the Constitution of the Akademi was originally embodied. The Akademi functions as an autonomous organization and the power to amend its Constitution rests with the General Council of the Akademi. This power has been exercised from time to time.

LANGUAGES RECOGNIZED

Besides the twenty-two languages enumerated in the Constitution of India, the Sahitya Akademi also recognizes English and Rajasthani as languages in which its programmes are to be implemented. There are Language Advisory Boards, which have been constituted to render advice for implementing literary programmes in the twenty-four languages recognized by the Akademi. The following are the languages recognized by the Akademi: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi Rajasthani, Sanskrit, Santali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

THE ORGANIZATION

Head Office: The Head Office of the Sahitya Akademi is housed in Rabindra Bhavan, 35 Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi. This building was constructed in 1961 to commemorate the birth centenary of Rabindranath Tagore, and houses all the three National Akademis, namely, the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the Lalit Kala Akademi and the Sahitya Akademi. The Head Office is responsible for publishing publications and organizing programmes in eleven languages, that is, Dogri, English, Hindi, Kashmiri, Maithili, Nepali, Punjabi, Rajasthani, Sanskrit, Santhali and Urdu.

Regional Office, Kolkata: The Regional Office of Sahitya Akademi at Kolkata was set up in 1956 and is located at 4 D.L. Khan Road, Kolkata. The Regional Office of Kolkata is responsible for publications and programmes

in Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Manipuri and Odia, along with programmes in other North-East Indian languages. The Regional Office of Kolkata also maintains a library.

Regional Office, Bengaluru: The Regional Office of Sahitya Akademi at Bengaluru was established in 1990. The southern regional was originally established in Chennai in 1959 and was later shifted to Central College Campus, Dr B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru in 1990. This Regional Office is responsible for the publications and programmes in Kannada, Malayalam and Telugu. This regional office also maintains a library.

Sub-Regional Office, Chennai: The Southern Regional Office was set up in Chennai in 1959 and was later converted to a sub-regional office in 1990 with the shifting of Regional Office to Bengaluru. Chennai sub-regional office is responsible for programmes and publications in Tamil and is located at Guna Complex, Main Building, (II Floor) Rear Side, 443 (Old No. 304) Ana Salai, Teynampet, Chennai.

Regional Office, Mumbai: The Regional Office of Sahitya Akademi at Mumbai was set up in 1972 and is located at 172, Mumbai Marathi Grantha Sangrahalya Marg, Dadar, Mumbai. It looks after the publications and programmes in Gujarati, Konkani, Marathi and Sindhi. This regional office also maintains a library.

Sale of Publications: Sahitya Akademi's Sales Section is at "Swati", Mandir Marg, New Delhi. Besides this, its publications are also sold at its offices at Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai besides sales outlets in Kashmere Gate and Vishwavidyala metro stations in New Delhi.

Library: The Sahitya Akademi Library is one of the largest multilingual libraries in India and has a rich collection of books on literature and allied subjects in the twenty-four languages recognized by the Sahitya Akademi. The libraries at the Regional Offices are being built up as centres for the concerned regional languages and are being envisaged as liaison institutions for language libraries in the regions.

Sahitya Akademi Website: Sahitya Akademi's website https: www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in carries details of the genesis; objectives, role and history of the Sahitya Akademi, the complete catalogue of its books arranged language-wise, information about its journals, literary activities, special projects, details of Awards and Fellowships, a description of the Library, and an assessment of the achievements of the institution over the years. The Akademi website is regularly updated.



PROJECTS AND SCHEMES

ARCHIVES PROJECT

Considering the need for and the importance of documentation in the field of literature, Sahitya Akademi has launched a project for an Archives of Indian Literature since March 1997. The Archive when set up in a full-fledged way will collect and preserve precious material connected with writers and literature like manuscripts, photographs, audio recordings, video recording and portraits, etc.; would build up a solid basis for a museum of Indian Literature by collecting available video films all over India, manuscripts of writers, interesting letters among writers and available audio-recordings of interviews and reading, etc. The Archive has already initiated scanning and preserving in CD ROMS some of the most important photographs. Over a hundred photographs, after careful selection, have now been preserved in portfolio.

Sahitya Akademi already has a project of archives of films and the video recordings related to Indian writers and their writings. Video documentaries of the Akademi on the best of Indian writers attempted to document their images, voice, the momentous events that moulded their lives and vision and the contemporary response to the creative achievements. These video films archives will be the seed of a unique Indian literary museum of the future, a delight to the common reader and useful to literary researchers and historians. These films have been produced by directors who are creative artists in their own right. The Akademi has so far produced 124 films on the authors and CDS of some of these films are also on sale.

The correspondence with the Akademi has been reviewed and the important letters of Jawaharlal Nehru, S. Radhakrishnan, Krishna Kripalani, Zakir Husain, C. Rajagopalachari and other eminent personalities have been laminated and bound in book form for preservation. Digitization of all Master Beta films has been done. The work of accessioning, proper labelling and cataloguing of audio tapes have also been completed till 2013, after checking their authenticity.

As another major initiative, Sahitya Akademi, has also signed an agreement with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) for digitization of audio/video recordings of its archival materials. Accordingly, the work is under process.

NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF INDIAN LITERATURE

As per the Sahitya Akademi Executive Board decision dated 19 August 2002, the second series of the NBIL has been taken up covering the period, 1954-2000 to serve the scholars, librarians, publishers, booksellers and those interested in the book world as a valuable tool of reference.



The second series will cover all books of literary merit and abiding value in the field of literature and allied subjects published between 1 January 1954 and 31st December 2000.

The project plans to compile bibliographic data of 22 Indian languages. Assignments have been made to specialists in twenty-two languages. They are already in different stages of compilation.

CENTRES FOR TRANSLATION

As translation lies at the core of Akademi's activities, Sahitya Akademi has established Centre for Translation at Bengaluru and Eastern Region Translation Centre in Kolkata. These Centres are meant to bring out special series of books from the languages of the region translated into English and other languages.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF INDIAN LITERATURE

A major activity of the Sahitya Akademi is the preparation of an Encyclopaedia of Indian Literature. The venture, covering twenty-two languages of India, is the first of its kind. Written in English, the Encyclopaedia gives a comprehensive idea of the growth and development of the Indian literature. The entries on authors, books and general topics have been tabulated by the concerned Advisory Boards and finalized by a Steering Committee. Hundreds of writers all over the country contributed articles on various topics. The Encyclopaedia planned as a six volume project, has been brought out. Each volume of approx. 1000 pages is in demy quarto size.

The revision work of the encyclopaedia project was taken up under the editorship of Prof. Ayyapa Panikar. Presently Prof. Indra Nath Choudhuri is associated with the project as its Chief Editor. The first, second and third volumes of revised version have been published. The work on the fourth volume is in progress at the Sahitya Akademi, Regional Office, Kolkata.

HISTORY OF INDIAN LITERATURE

It is a project of the Akademi meant to give a holistic account of the literary activities in India down the ages, in the various languages and under different social conditions. Three volumes covering the period from 500-1300, 1800 to 1910 and 1911 to 1956, authored by Prof. Sisir Kumar Das, have been published.

BI-LINGUAL DICTIONARY PROJECT

In 2004, Sahitya Akademi initiated a project of compiling several bi-lingual dictionaries. In the first phase entries were taken up for Bengali-Assamese, Bengali-Odia, Bengali-Maithili, Bengali-Manipuri and Bengali-Santhali dictionaries. Editorial boards were formed for each dictionary with eminent scholars, lexicographers and language experts of different languages. A central editorial board was also formed for setting up guidelines and general supervision work during the making of the manuscript and subsequent production.

It has been observed that in almost all the languages of Eastern India, mono and bi-lingual dictionaries with English as one language were more or less available, but bi-lingual dictionaries like Bengali-Manipuri or Manipuri-Assamese etc. were almost absent. In its effort to increase the bond between the languages of neighbouring states, Sahitya Akademi gave ample stress in translating literary works of one language into other languages. But non-availability of adequate dictionaries became a stumbling block and the translators could not be provided with reliable dictionaries to facilitate their work. At this juncture, Sahitya Akademi was constrained to take up the dictionary projects.

These dictionaries will be of moderate size containing 40000-45000 words and phrases as entries. In the description part, it was proposed to give pronunciation symbols in IPA (International Phonetic Association), sources, such as Sanskrit, Arabic etc., parts of speech, descriptive meaning (more than one, if required) examples, derivatives etc. The whole project is under the editorial guidance of Professor Ashoke Mukhopadhyay, an eminent lexicographer.

The first dictionary of the project, Bengali-Maithili bilingual dictionary was released on 1 May 2012. The Bengali-Santali bilingual dictionary was released on 14 August 2012. Bengali-Manipuri dictionary was published and Bengali-Assamese is expected to be published within this year. Compilation of the other bilingual dictionaries which are Bengali-Nepali, Santali-Odia, Maithili-Odia and Maithili-Assamese are in progress.

CENTRES FOR TRIBAL AND ORAL LITERATURE

For the purpose of collecting, preserving and disseminating vast tribal and oral literature of India, Sahitya Akademi has established two centres, North-East Centre for Oral Literature (NECOL) in Imphal and Centre for Oral and Tribal Literature (COTLIT) in New Delhi.

The main objective of North-East Centre for Oral Literature is to collect and publish folk and modern oral literature. It organizes folk festivals, reading sessions of prose and poetry of oral literature, literary forums, seminars, symposia, workshops, etc. It translates from North-Eastern oral languages to other recognized Indian languages. It also helps to build up a relation through regular interaction between North-Eastern oral languages and other major Indian languages. It has already translated and published materials from languages like Lepcha, Kokborok, Mising, Bongcher, Garo, Mog into English. COTLIT collects, preserves and promote oral and tribal literature of the country through programmes and publications. The Centre also is actively engaged in the creation of the House of Voices, a digital archive platform for oral literature.

LIBRARY

Sahitya Akademi Library is a unique of its kind with a rich collection of books on Literature, Criticism, Philosophy, History, and related subjects in 24 languages. The library enjoys an active and appreciative readership (total 13219 registered members) making it one of the widely used



libraries in Delhi. During 2016-2017, the library enrolled 531 new members and 2140 new books were added. The total collection of library has now crossed more than 1,72,000.

Akademi's Library web page has also been redesigned for the convenience of the users. The WebOPAC has been customized to make it more user friendly. A digital library (Sahitya Sagar) has been created keeping in mind the requirements of the users as well as the staff members. Now the catalogue of all 24 language Sections have been fully computerized and can be searched online through WebOPAC on the akademi's website www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in. Current acquisitions of all the language books are being catalogued online. Automation of these sections has enabled the library to provide bibliographic service on demand at short notice. The editing work of prestigious project 'Who's Who of Indian Writers' has been completed by the library staff and is now available on our website on the link www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in/sahitya-akademi/SASearchSystem/sauser/. The compilation of second volume of 'Critical Inventory of North-Eastern Tribal Literature' is now in progress which will be published by the Sahitya Akademi very soon.

Indexing of English language articles on Indian Literature, based on its journal receipts is also done by the library. This database is also available to library users.

The library is also continuing the new services such as News Clips, Book Reviews and Current Contents which were started some years back for the benefits of the readers.

Sahitya Akademi maintains libraries at its regional offices (Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Mumbai) too. Books are added regularly in regional offices' libraries every year. Regional office libraries (Kolkata, Bengaluru and Mumbai) have also started retro-conversion/computerization of their collections. The catalogues of these libraries are also accessible through single window WebOPAC which provides the information about the location wise availability of books in a form of union catalogue.



GOVERNING BODY,

LANGUAGE ADVISORY BOARDS

AND

REGIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

HELD IN 2016-2017

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Date	Venue
16 June 2016	Imphal
21 December 2016	New Delhi
21 February 2017	New Delhi

GENERAL COUNCIL

Date	Venue
16 June 2016	Imphal
22 February 2017	New Delhi

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date	Venue
10 June 2016	New Delhi
12 December 2016	New Delhi



LANGUAGE ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Language	Date	Place
Assamese	17 March 2016	Guwahati
Assamese	17 January 2017	Kolkata
Bengali	16 March 2016	Guwahati
Bengali	17 January 2017	Kolkata
Bodo	17 March 2016	Guwahati
Bodo	12 February 2017	Guwahati
Dogri	12 May 2016	Jammu
Dogri	12 January 2017	New Delhi
English	6 May 2016	Delhi
English	17 January 2017	Kolkata
Gujarati	13 December 2015	Ahmedabad
Gujarati	30 January 2017	Mumbai
Hindi	14 February 2016	Delhi
Hindi	20 January 2017	Port Blair
Kannada	13 April 2016	Bengaluru
Kannada	25 January 2017	Bengaluru
Kashmiri	14 May 2016	Srinagar
Kashmiri	20 February 2017	New Delhi
Konkani	23 April 2016	Mumbai
Konkani	29 January 2017	Mumbai
Maithili	10 May 2016	Delhi
Maithili	18 January 2017	Kolkata
Malayalam	16 April 2016	Kochi
Malayalam	14 February 2017	Kochi
Manipuri	4 March 2016	Imphal
Manipuri	21 January 2017	Manipur
Marathi	23 April 2016	Mumbai
Marathi	30 January 2017	Mumbai

Nepali	18 March 2016	Guwahati
Nepali	18 January 2017	Kolkata
Odia	01 May 2016	BBSR
Odia	18 January 2017	Kolkata
Punjabi	10 May 2016	Delhi
Punjabi	29 January 2017	Mumbai
Rajasthani	16 May 2016	Udaipur
Rajasthani	4 February 2017	New Delhi
Sanskrit	21 March 2016	Delhi
Sanskrit	27 January 2017	New Delhi
Santali	18 March 2016	Guwahati
Santali	12 January 2017	New Delhi
Sindhi	24 April 2016	Mumbai
Sindhi	15 February 2017	Mumbai
Tamil	05 May 2016	Chennai
Tamil	6 February 2017	Chennai
Telugu	6 April 2016	Hyderabad
Telugu	5 February 2017	Hyderabad
Urdu	7 May 2016	Hyderabad
Urdu	29 January 2017	Mumbai
Translation Centre	25 January 2017	Bengaluru

REGIONAL BOARD MEETINGS 2016-2017

Northern Regional Board	23 May 2016	Delhi
Northern Regional Board	18 May 2017	New Delhi
Eastern Regional Board	7 June 2016	Kolkata
Eastern Regional Board	6 May 2017	Kolkata
Western Regional Board	3 June 2016	Mumbai
Western Regional Board	9 May 2017	Mumbai
Southern Regional Board	11 June 2016	Bangalore
Southern Regional Board	15 April 2017	Hyderabad



TRAVEL GRANTS RECOMMENDED IN 2016-2017

Assamese

Sri Deba Bhushan Bora Sri Akash Dipta Thakur Smt. Ratnottama Das Bikram Smt. Bornali Borgohain Sri Pratim Baruah

Bengali

Smt. Promita Bhowmik Smt. Romyani Dasgupta Sri Saunava Basu Smt. Ushashi Bhattacharya Smt. Swagata Dasgupta Smt. Samragne Banerjee

Bodo

Smt. Pratima Brahma Sri Detsung Swargiary Sri Ashok Basumatary Sri Jwngsar Narzary Sri Daithun Boro

Dogri

Pankaj Gupta Jogender Paul Jinder Dhiraj Kesar Rajendra Ranjha Roshan Lal Baral

English

Nil

Gujarati

Sri Chintan Shelat Sri Jignesh Brahmabhat Sri Piyush Thakkar

Hindi

Nil

Kannada

Sri Shivakumaraswamy Ms Mamatha Arsikere Ms Goruru Pankaja Sri Shahsiraj Kavur Sri Basavarajappa Bevinamarada

Kashmiri

Nil

Konkani

Sri Gorak Sirsat Ms Antara Bhide Ms Sampada Kunkolienkar Sri Vyankatesh Nayak

Maithili

Sri Rahul Kumar Jha Ks Shital Kumari Sri Aditya Bhushan Mishra Sri Sonu Kumar Jha

Malayalam

Sri C. Anoop

Manipuri

Mrs. Birala Singha Sri Kh. Krishnamohan Singh Smt. Aribam Rimeeta Devi

Marathi

Sri Veera Rathod Sri Felix Desouza Sri Anil Sable Sri Gopichand Dhangar Sri Chandrakant Babar

Nepali

Ms Monika Rana Sri Hanok Thapa Ms Sarita Samdarshi Sri Devraj Sharma

Odia

Dr. Santosh Kumar Mohanty Sri Dibyajyoti Pani Sri Sujit Kumar Satpathy Sri Pradumna Sahu Sri Priyabrata Panda

Punjabi

Sri Pargat Singh Satouj Sri Jagmel Singh Sri Rajpal Singh Sri Daljit Singh Sri Sukhjinder Singh

Rajasthani

Sri Gouri Shankar Sri Sanjay Kumar Sharma

Sanskrit

Nil

Santali

Ms Sonali Hansda Ms Kasturi Hansda Ms Debgi Murmu Sri lakhya Tudu Sri Salge Hansda

Sindhi

Ms Rekha Pohani Ms Monica Panjwani Sri Jayesh Sharma

Ms Manju Mirwani

Tamil

Sri Va. Mu. Komu

Ms Lakshmi Saravanakumar

Ms Manushi Ms Poorna

Sri Andanur Sura

Telugu

Smt. M. Devendra Ms Yendluri Manasa

Sri Y. Saidulu

Sri Nanda Kishore

Sri Pingali Chaityanya

Urdu

Ms Nusrat Ameen

Ms Nazmeen

Mr. Abdul Qavi

Out of the above recommended following writers (1-7) availed travel grants in 2016-2017. Remaining writers (8-13) availed travel grants in the earlier years.

- 1. Sri Pargat Singh Satouj
- 2. Smt. M. Devendra
- 3. Ms Monika Rana
- 4. Sri Hanok Thapa
- 5. Ms Sarita Sharma
- 6. Sri Deoraj Sharma
- 7. Sri Deep Narayan Mandal
- 8. Sri Yugank Pundalik
- 9. Ms Mamta Parwani
- 10. Sri Tapan Mahapatra
- 11. Sri Pradeep Kumar
- 12. Ms Sangita M. Khilwani
- 13. Dibyajyoti Pani

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWRDS 2016 SAHITYA AKADEMI PRIZE FOR TRANSLATION 2016 BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2016 YUVA PURASKAR 2016



SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS 2016

The Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met on 21 December 2016 at New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of its President, Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari approved selection of 24 books for the Sahitya Akademi Award 2016.

The books were selected on the basis of recommendations made by the Jury comprising of three members each in the concerned language in accordance with the rules and 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 Jury 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 2010 and 31 December 2014).

Assamese Jnan Pujari, Meghmalar Bhraman (Poetry)

Bengali Nrisinghaprasad Bhaduri, Mahabharater Astadashi (Essays)

Bodo Anju (Anjalee Basumatary), Ang Mabwrwi Dong Dasong (Poetry)

Dogri Chhatrapal, Cheta (Short Stories),

English Jerry Pinto, Em and the Big Hoom (Novel)

Gujarati Kamal Vora, Anekek (Poetry)

Hindi Nasera Sharma, Parijata (Novel)

Kannada Bolwar Mahamad Kunhi, Swatantryada Ota (Novel)

Kashmiri Aziz Hajini, Aan-e-Khane (Essays)

Konkani Edwin J.F.D'souza, Kallen Bhangaar (Novel)

Maithili Shyam Darihare, Barki Kaki at Hotmail Dot Com (Short Stories)

Malayalam Prabha Varma, Shyama Madhavam (Novel)

Manipuri Moirangthem Rajen, Cheptharaba Ishingpun (Short Stories)

Marathi Aasaram Marotrao Lomte, Aalok (Short Stories)

Nepali Gita Upadhyay, Janmabhumi Mero Swadesh (Novel)

Odia Paramita Satpathy, Prapti (Short Stories)

Punjabi Swarajbir, Massia Di Raat (Play)

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Telugu Papineni Siva Sankar, Rajanigandha (Poetry)

Urdu Nizam Siddiqui, Mabad-e-Jadidiat Se NayeAhed Ki

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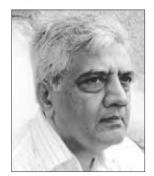
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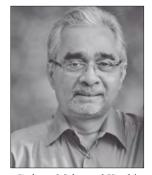
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- Assamese Tapeswar Sarmah, Upanisad-Padyanubad (Upanishads-Poetry [Sanskrit] Poetry by various authors)
- Bengali Gita Chaudhuri, Satyer Anweshan (Satyana Prayogo Athaba Atmakatha, [Gujarati] Autobiography by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi)
 - Bodo Birhash Giri Basumatary, *Thengphakri Tahsildarni Thamani Thungri* (Thengphakri Tahsildaror Tamor Torowal [Assamese] Novel by Mamoni Roisom Goswami)
 - Dogri Krishan Sharma, Kaale Kaan Te Kaala Pani (Kavve Aur Kaala Pani [Hindi] Short Stories by Nirmal Verma
- English Aniruddhan Vasudevan, One Part Woman (Maadhorubaagan [Tamil], Novel by Perumal Murugan)
- Gujarati Vasant G. Parikh, Gita Govinda (Gita Govind [Sanskrit] Poetry by Jaydev)
 - Hindi P. Jayaraman, Sant Vani (Ancient Tamil Saint Poetry) Vol. 3&4 (Sant Vani-Naalayira Divya Prabandham [Tamil] Poetry by A.K. Ramanujan
- Kannada O.L. Nagabhushana Swamy, A.K. Ramanujan Aayda Prabandhagalu (Selected Essays of A.K. Ramanujan [English] Essays by A.K. Ramanujan)
- Kashmiri Qazi Hilal Delnavi, Akh Khaab Akh Tasveer (Ek Aur Draupadi [Hindi] Poetry by Asha Sheli)
- Konkani Meena Kakodkar, Sanvalya Rego (The Shadow Lines [English] Novel by Amitav Ghosh
- Maithili Rewati Mishra, Mithilaak Lok Sahityak Bhoomika (Introduction to The Folk Literature of Mithila [English] Criticism by Jayakanta Mishra
- Malayalam N. K. Desom, Geethanjali (Geetanjali [Bengali / English] Poetry by Rabindranath Tagore)
 - Manipuri Anita Ningombam, E-ba Loishinkhidraba Punshi Waari (Adha Lekha Dastavej [Assamese] Autobiography by Indira Goswami)
 - Marathi Milind Champanerkar, Lokshahivadi Ammis: Dirghapatra (Ammi: Letter to a Democratic Mother [English] Autobiography by Saeed Akhtar Mirza)
 - Nepali Gyan Bahadur Chhetri, Khoji (Talash [Hindi] Poetry by Brajendra Tripathi)
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- Rajasthani Ravi Purohit, Jeevo Mahara Saanwara (Mere Saayian Jio [Punjabi] Poetry by Bhai Veer Singh)
 - Sanskrit Rani Sadasiva Murty, Vivikta Pushpa Karandah (Ontari Pula Butta [Telugu] Poetry by Rallabandi Kavita Prasad)
 - Santali Ganesh Thakur Hansda, Bhognadi Reyak Dahi (Bhagnadihir Mathe [Bengali] Novel by Panchu Gopal Bhaduri)
 - Sindhi Mohan Gehani, Bharat: Natya Shastra (Bharat: Natya Shastra [English] Literary Criticism by Kapila Vatsayan)
 - Tamil G. Poornachandran, Poruppukikka Manithargal (Serious Men [English] Novel by Manu Jospeh)
 - Telugu Ashok Tankasala, Vallabhbhai Patel (Patel: A Life [English] Biography by Rajmohan Gandhi)\
 - *Urdu* Haqqani-Al-Qasmi, *Angliyat* (Aangliyat [Gujarati] Novel by Joseph Macwan)



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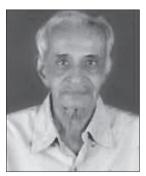
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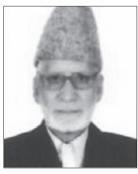
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The Executive Board of the Sahitya akademi which met on 16 June 2016 at Imphal, under the Chairmanship of its President, Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, selected 14 books and 7 writers for their total contribution for the year 2016 Bal Sahitya Puraskar on the basis of recommendations made by the Jury comprising of three members each in the concerned language in accordance with the rules and procedure laid down for the purpose. There was no award in Bodo, Manipuri and Rajasthani this year. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous/majority vote by the Jury. The Awards relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e. between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2014). However, during the initial ten years i.e. from 2010 to 2019, the award may be given to an author based on his/her total contribution to Children Literature if no book is considered suitable for the award.

Assamese Harapriya Barukial Borgohain, Total Contribution to Children Literature

Bengali Amarendra Chakravorty, Gorillar Chokh (Novelette)

Dogri Om Goswami, Jangal Ch Mangal (Novelette)
English Rashmi Narzary, His Share of Sky (Stories)

Gujarati Pushpa Antani, Bantina Soorajdada (Stories)

Hindi (Late) Droane Vir Kohli, Mataki Mataka, Matkaina (Novel)

Kannada Sumatheendra Nadig, Total Contribution to Children Literature

Kashmiri Roohi Jaan, Shoer Bashe (Ghazals)

Konkani Dilip Borkar, Pintuchi Kallbhonvddi (Novelette)

Maithili Prem Mohan Mishra, Bharat Bhagya Vidhata (Part-I) (Biography)

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Literature)

Marathi Rajiv Tambe, Total Contribution to Children Literature

Nepali Shankar Deo Dhakal, Bal Sudha Sagar (Stories)

Odia Batakrushna Ojha, Total Contribution to Children Literature

Punjabi Hriday Pal Singh, Total Contribution to Children Literature

Sanskrit Rishiraj Jani, Chamatkarikah Chaldoorabhashah (Short Story)

Santali Krishna Prasad Hansda, Sisir Jali (Poetry)

Sindhi Dayal Kotumal Dhameja, Total Contribution to Children Literature

Tamil Kuzha Kathiresan, Total Contribution to Children Literature
Telugu Alaparthi Venkata Subba Rao, Swarna Pushpaalu (Poetry)

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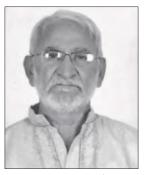
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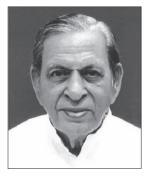
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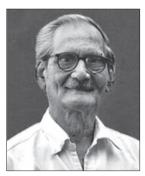
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The Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met on 16 June 2016 at Imphal, under the Chairmanship of its President, Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari approved selection of 24 books for the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2016. The books were selected on the basis of recommendations made by the Jury comprising of three members each in the concerned language in accordance with the rules and procedure laid down for the purpose. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous or selection made on the basis of majority vote by the Jury. The Award relates to books published by an author of the age of 35 and below as on 1st January of the year of the award.

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English Raghu Karnad, Farthest Field: An Indian Story of the Second World War

(Biography)

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Santali Parimal Hansda, Dhunwa Otang Ag Kana (Poetry)

Sindhi Bharti Sadarangani, Retilo Chitu (Poetry)

Tamil Lakshmi Saravanakumar, Kaanagan (Novel)

Telugu Chaithanya Pingali, Chitagong Viplava Vanithalu (Short Stories)

Urdu Abdus Sami, Nagri Nagri Phira Musafir Devendra Satyarthi: Shakhsiyat aur

Aasar (Literary Criticism)



Prarthana Saikia



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