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POETRY DOMINATES SAHITYA AKADEMI YUVA PURASKAR 2018

Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Yuva Puraskar in 22 languages today. Ten books of poetry, seven of short stories, three of novel and one of play have won the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2018.

The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 22 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhra Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Samragnee Bandyopadhyay (Bengali), Esha Dadawala (Gujarati), Aasteek Vajpeyi (Hindi), Wilma Bantwal (Konkani), Umesh Paswan (Maithili), Tongbram Amarjit Singh (Manipuri), Jayadratha Suna (Odia), Dushyant Joshi (Rajasthani), Muni Rajsundar Vijay (Sanskrit), Bala Sudhakar Mouli (Telugu).

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of short stories include Bipasha Bora (Assamese), Padmanabha Bhat (Kannada), Dheeba Nazir (Kashmiri), Chhuden Kabimu (Nepali), Rani Murmu (Santali), Suneel Krishnan (Tamil), Shahnaz Rahman (Urdu).

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of Novel include Amal (Malayalam), Navnath Gore (Marathi), Gurpreet Sehji (Punjabi) and for Play, Champa Chetnani (Sindhi).

According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous or selection on the basis of majority vote made 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.

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque and a cheque of Rs.50,000/- will be presented to the awardees at a special function to be held at a later date.


(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encls: List of Award-winners
List of Jury members

Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2018

<u>Language</u>	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>
Assamese	Mou-Makshi Samrajya (Short Stories)	Bipasha Bora
Bengali	Khelnabatir Din Sesh (Poetry)	Samragnee Bandyopadhyay
English	No book found suitable	
Gujarati	Janmaaro (Poetry)	Esha Dadawala
Hindi	Thartharahat (Poetry)	Aasteek Vajpeyi
Kannada	Kepina Dabbi (Short Stories)	Padmanabha Bhat
Kashmiri	Za'reen Zakham (Short Stories)	Dheeba Nazir
Konkani	Mukhaddin (Poetry)	Vilma Bantwal
Maithili	Varnit Rasa (Poetry)	Umesh Paswan
Malayalam	Vyasanamuchayam (Novel)	Amal
Manipuri	Loubukki Manam (Poetry)	Tongbram Amarjit Singh
Marathi	Fesati (Novel)	Navnath Gore
Nepali	1986 (Short Stories)	Chhuden Kabimu
Odia	Sosa (Poetry)	Jayadratha Suna
Punjabi	Balora (Novel)	Gurpreet Sehji
Rajasthani	Ekar Aajya Re Chand (Poetry)	Dushyant Joshi
Sanskrit	Chitrakavyadarshanam (Poetry)	Muni Rajsundar Vijay
Santali	Hopon Mayak Kukmu (Short Stories)	Rani Murmu
Sindhi	Sabla Nari (Play)	Champa Chetnani
Tamil	Ambu Padukkai (Short Stories)	Suneel Krishnan
Telugu	Aaku Kadalani Chota (Poetry)	Bala Sudhakar Mouli
Urdu	Nairang-E-Junoon (Short Stories)	Shahnaz Rahman

**BODO - TO BE DECLARED AT A LATER DATE
DOGRI - NO AWARD**

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