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POETS DOMINATE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS 2014

New Delhi, 19 December 2014. Eight books of poetry, five of novels, three of essays, three of short stories, one each of literary criticism, autobiography and play have won the Sahitya Akademi Award this year.

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. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President of the Sahitya Akademi. Manipuri and Sanskrit language awards will be declared later on.

Famous poets honoured with the Award for the year 2014 are Utpal Kumar Basu (Bengali), Urkhao Gwra Brahma (Bodo), Adil Jussawalla (English), Shad Ramzan (Kashmiri), Gopalkrushna Rath (Odia), Jaswinder (Punjabi), Gope Kamal (Sindhi) and Munawwar Rana (Urdu).

The well-known novelists Shailender Singh (Dogri), Ramesh Chandra Shah (Hindi), Subhash Chandran, (Malayalam) Asha Mishra (Maithili) and Poomani (Tamil) are among those honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2014.

(Late) Ashvin Mehta (Gujarati), G.H. Nayak (Kannada) and Madhavi Sardesai (Konkani) have got the Award for their books of essays. Arupa Patangia Kalita (Assamese), Nanda Hankhim (Nepali) and Rampal Singh Rajpurohit (Rajasthani) have got the Award for their books of short stories. Jayant Vishnu Naralikar (Marathi) for his autobiography, Jamadar Kisku (Santali) for his play and Rachapalem Chandrashekara Reddy (Telugu) for his literary criticism have been honoured.

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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 three years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e., between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2012).

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and a cheque of ₹ 1,00,000/- will be presented to the authors of these books at a special function to be held on 9 March 2015 at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters organized by Sahitya Akademi.

Sd/-

(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encls: List of Award-winners
List of Jury members

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2014

<u>Language</u>	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Assamese	Mariam Astin Athaba Hira Barua(Short Stories)	Arupa Patangia Kalita	Unanimous
Bengali	Piya Mana Bhaba (Poetry)	Utpal Kumar Basu	Unanimous
Bodo	Udangnifrai Gidingfinnanei (Poetry)	Urkhao Gwra Brahma	Unanimous
Dogri	Hashiye Par (Novel)	Shailender Singh	Unanimous
Gujarati	Chhabi Bhitarani (Essays)	(late) Ashvin Mehta	Majority
English	Trying to Say Goodbye (Poetry)	Adil Jussawalla	Unanimous
Hindi	Vinayak (Novel)	Ramesh Chandra Shah	Unanimous
Kannada	Uttaraardha (Essays)	G.H. Nayak	Majority
Kashmiri	Kore Kakud Pushrith Gome (Poetry)	Shad Ramzan	Unanimous
Konkani	Manthan(Essays)	Madhavi Sardesai	Unanimous
Maithili	Uchat (Novel)	Asha Mishra	Unanimous
Malayalam	Manushyanu Oru Aamukham (Novel)	Subhash Chandran	Unanimous
Marathi	Chaar Nagarantale Maaze Viswa (Autobiography)	Jayant Vishnu Naraliker	Unanimous
Nepali	Satta Grahan (Short Stories)	Nanda Hankhim	Unanimous
Odia	Bipula Diganta (Poetry)	Gopalkrushna Rath	Unanimous
Punjabi	Agarbatti (Poetry)	Jaswinder	Unanimous
Rajasthani	Sundar Nain Sudha (Short Stories)	Rampal Singh Rajpurohit	Unanimous
Santali	Mala Mudam (Play)	Jamadar Kisku	Unanimous
Sindhi	Sija Agyaan Buku (Poetry)	Gope Kamal	Majority
Tamil	Agngnaadi (Novel)	Poomani	Unanimous
Telugu	Mana Navalalu - Mana Kathanikalu (Literary Criticism)	Rachapalem Chandrashekara Reddy	Unanimous
Urdu	Shahdaba (Poetry)	Munawwar Rana	Unanimous

Award for Manipuri and Sanskrit languages will be declared later

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