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New Delhi, 17 December 2015. Six books of short stories, six of poetry, four of novels, two books each of essays, criticism and plays and one of memoirs have won the Sahitya Akademi Award this year. Award in Bengali will be announced at a later date.

The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 23 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Famous poets honoured with the Award for the year 2015 are Brajendra Kumar Brahma (Bodo), Dhian Singh (Dogri), Ramdarash Mishra (Hindi), K V Tirumalesh (Kannada), Kshetri Rajan (Manipuri) and Ram Shankar Awasthi (Sanskrit).

Six writers awarded for their short stories are Kula Saikia (Assamese), Man Mohan Jha (Maithili), Gupta Pradhan (Nepali), Bibhuti Pattanaik (Odia) Maya Rahi (Sindhi) and Volga (Telugu).

The award winning novelists are Cyrus Mistry (English), K R Meera (Malayalam) Jaswinder Singh (Punjabi) and Madhu Acharya 'Ashawadi' (Rajasthani).

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Rasik Shah (Gujarati) and A.Madhavan (Tamil) has been awarded for their essays, Uday Bhembre (Konkani), Rabilal Tudu (Santali) for their plays, Bashir Bhadarwahi (Kashmiri) and Shamim Tariq (Urdu) for their books on criticism and Arun Khopkar (Marathi) for his book on memoirs is among those honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2015.

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 2009 and 31 December 2013).

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000/- will be presented to the authors of these books at a special function to be held on 16 February 2016 at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters organized by Sahitya Akademi.



(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encl: List of Award-winners & Jury members

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2015

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author	Name of the Jury
Assamese	Akashar Chhabi Aru Anyanya Galpa (Short Stories)	Kula Saikia	Sri Gangapada Choudhury Smt. Nirupama Borgohain Dr. Namita Deka
Bodo	Baidi Dengkhw Baidi Gab (Poetry)	Brajendra Kumar Brahma	Sri Gobinda Narzary Dr. Indira Boro Sri Mihir Kumar Brahma
Dogri	Parchhamen Di Lo (Poetry)	Dhian Singh	Sri Chaman Arora Sri Prakash Premi Sri N D Jamwal
English	Chronicle of a Corpse Bearer (Novel)	Cyrus Mistry	Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh Ms. Namita Gokhale Dr. Temsula Ao
Gujarati	Antey Aarambh (Part I & II) (Essays)	Rasik Shah	Dr. Chandrakant Sheth Prof. Prabodh Parikh Prof. Mahesh Champaklal
Hindi	Aag Ki Hansi (Poetry)	Ramdarash Mishra	Prof. Mahendra Madhukar Dr. Madhav Kaushik Prof. Ramji Tiwari
Kannada	Akshaya Kavya (Poetry)	K.V. Tirumalesh	Sri G.N. Ranaganatha Rao Smt. Hema Pattanshetty Sri Raghavendra Patil
Kashmiri	Jamis Ta Kasheeri Manz Kashir Natia Adabuk Tawareekh (Criticism)	Bashir Bhadarwahi	Sri Mohd. Yusuf Taing Sri Makhan Lal Kanwal Ms. Naseem Shafaie
Konkani	Karna Parva (Play)	Uday Bhembre	Sri Basti Vaman Shenoy Sri Madhav Borcar Sri N. Purushottam Mallaya
Maithili	Khissa (Short Stories)	Man Mohan Jha	Dr. Buddhinath Mishra Dr. Indrakant Jha Dr. Madhuri Jha
Malayalam	Aarachar (Novel)	K.R. Meera	Sri Asha Menon Prof. M.K. Sanoo Dr. V. Rajakrishnan
Manipuri	Ahingna Yekshilliba Mang (Poetry)	Kshetri Rajen	Dr. Kangjam Ibohal Singh Sri Kh. Prakash Singh Sri R.K. Jitendrajit Sinha
Marathi	Chalat-Chitravyooh (Memoirs)	Arun Khopkar	Sri Arun Sadhu Prof. Digambar Padhye Sri N.D. Mahanor
Nepali	Samayaka Prativimbaharu (Short Stories)	Gupta Pradhan	Smt. Bindya Subba Sri Krishna Pradhan Dr. Mahendra P. Lama

Odia	Mahishasurara Muhan (Short Stories)	Bibhuti Pattanaik	Sri Hara Prasada Das Dr. Pratibha Satpathy Prof. Raj Kishore Misra
Punjabi	Maat Lok (Novel)	Jaswinder Singh	Prof. Manjit Singh Prof. R.S. Bhatti Sri Surjit Patar
Rajasthani	Gawaad (Novel)	Madhu Acharya 'Ashawadi'	Sri Ambika Dutt Dr. Bhagwati Lal Vyas Sri Malchand Tiwari
Sanskrit	Vanadevi (Epic)	Ram Shankar Awasthi	Dr. N.P.Unni Prof. Radhakant Thakur Prof. Uma C. Vaidya
Santali	Parsi Khatir (Play)	Rabilal Tudu	Sri Bhogla Soren Dr. Naku Hansdah Sri Prithibi Majhi
Sindhi	Mahengi Murk (Short Stories)	Maya Rahi	Smt. Kala Prakash Prof. Namdev Tarachandani Sri Nand Chhugani
Tamil	Ilakkiya Suvadugal (Essays)	A.Madhavan	Dr. K. Chellappan Sri Nanjil Nadan Dr. Sirpi Balasubramanyam
Telugu	Vimuktha (Short Stories)	Volga	Dr. A. Manjulatha Dr. G. Yohan Babu Dr. K. Ramachandra Murthy
Urdu	Tasawwuf Aur Bhakti (Tanqeedi Aur Taqabuli Mutalea) (Criticism)	Shamim Tariq	Prof. Abdus Samad Prof. Akhtar-ul-Wasey Sri Pritpal Singh Betab

Award in Bengali will be announced at a later date