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Sahitya Akademi Award 2018

New Delhi, 05 December 2018. Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 24 languages today. Seven books of poetry, Six of novel, Six of short stories, Three of literary criticism and Two of essays have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018.

The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 24 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Sri Sananta Tanti (Assamese), Sri Paresh Narendra Kamat (Konkani), Sri S. Ramesan Nair (Malayalam), Dr. Mohanjit (Punjabi), Dr. Rajesh Kumar Vyas (Rajasthani), Dr. Rama Kant Shukla (Sanskrit) and Sri Khiman U. Mulani (Sindhi).

Sri Inderjeet Kesar (Dogri), Sri Anees Salim (English), Ms. Chitra Mudgal (Hindi), Sri Shyam Besra (Santali), Sri S. Ramakrishnan (Tamil) and Sri Rahman Abbas (Urdu) are awarded for their novels.


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Those who have won the Awards for short stories include Sri Sanjib Chattopadhyay (Bengali), Sri Rituraj Basumatary (Bodo), Sri Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq (Kashmiri), Prof. Bina Thakur (Maithili), Sri Budhichandra Heisnamba (Manipuri) and Sri Lok Nath Upadhyay Chapagain (Nepali).

Sri K.G. Nagarajappa (Kannada), Sri Ma. Su. Patil (Marathi) and Prof. Dasarathi Das (Odia) have won for their works on literary criticism. Prof. Sharifa Vijliwala (Gujarati) and Dr. Kolakaluri Enoch (Telugu) has been awarded for their essays.

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 2012 and 31 December 2016).

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 29 January 2019 at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters organized by Sahitya Akademi.



(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encl: List of Award-winners & Jury members

SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2018

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Kailoir Dinto Amar Hobo (Poetry)	Sananta Tanti
Bengali	Srikrishner Sesh Kata Din (Story)	Sanjib Chattopadhyay
Bodo	Dwngse Lama (Short Stories)	Rituraj Basumatary
Dogri	Bhagirath (Novel)	Inderjeet Kesar
English	The Blind Lady's Descendants (Novel)	Anees Salim
Gujarati	Vibhajanni Vyatha (Essays)	Sharifa Vijliwala
Hindi	Post Box No. 203–Naala Sopara (Novel)	Chitra Mudgal
Kannada	Anushreni-Yajamanike (Literary Criticism)	K.G. Nagarajappa
Kashmiri	Aakh (Short Stories)	Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq
Konkani	Chitralipi (Poetry)	Paresh Narendra Kamat
Maithili	Parineeta (Short Stories)	Bina Thakur
Malayalam	Gurupournami (Poetry)	S. Ramesan Nair
Manipuri	Ngamkheigee Wangmada (Short Stories)	Budhichandra Heisnamba
Marathi	Sarjanprerana ani Kavitwashodh (Literary Criticism)	Ma. Su. Patil
Nepali	Kina Royeu Upamaa (Short Stories)	Lok Nath Upadhyay Chapagain
Odia	Prasanga Puruna Bhabana Nua (Literary Criticism)	Dasarathi Das
Punjabi	Kone Da Suraj (Poetry)	Mohanjit
Rajasthani	Kavita Devai Deeth (Poetry)	Rajesh Kumar Vyas
Sanskrit	Mama Janani (Poetry)	Rama Kant Shukla
Santali	Marom (Novel)	Shyam Besra 'Jiwi Rarec'
Sindhi	Jia Mein Taandaa (Poetry)	Khiman U. Mulani
Tamil	Sanchaaram (Novel)	S. Ramakrishnan
Telugu	Vimarshini (Essays)	Kolakaluri Enoch
Urdu	Rohzin (Novel)	Rahman Abbas

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2018

ASSAMESE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Atanu Bhattacharyya • Dr. Dipti Phukan Patgiri • Dr. Paramananda Rajbongshi 	BENGALI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Nabaneeta Dev Sen • Sri Samaresh Mazumder • Sri Tapan Bandyopadhyay
BODO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Aurobindo Uzir • Dr. Bhupen Narzaree • Dr. Mangal Singh Hazowary 	DOGRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Shiv Mehta • Sri Mohan Singh • Sri Shiv Dev Sushil
ENGLISH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Bikram K. Das • Dr. Jancy James • Sri Kiran Nagarkar 	GUJARATI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Raghuvveer Chaudhari • Sri Utpal Bhayani • Sri Yeshwant Mehta
HINDI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chander Trikha • Sri Govind Mishra • Smt. Ushakiran Khan 	KANNADA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. R. Tarini Shubhadayini • Prof. Basavraj P. Donur • Sri Chidananda Sali
KASHMIRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Autar Krishen Rahbar • Ms. Rukhsana Jabeen • Prof. Shad Ramzan 	KONKANI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Datta Demodar Naik • Sri N. Shivdas • Sri S.M. Krishna Rao
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SINDHI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Arjun Chawla • Sri Lakhmi Khilani • Sri Nand Javeri 	TAMIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. E. Sundaramoorthy • Ms. G. Thilakavathi • Sri Thoppil Mohamed Meeran
TELUGU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri T. Devipriya • Dr. Nalimela Bhaskar • Dr. Papineni Shivasankar 	URDU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Baig Ehsas • Sri Jayant Parmar • Sri Nusrat Zaheer Ahmed