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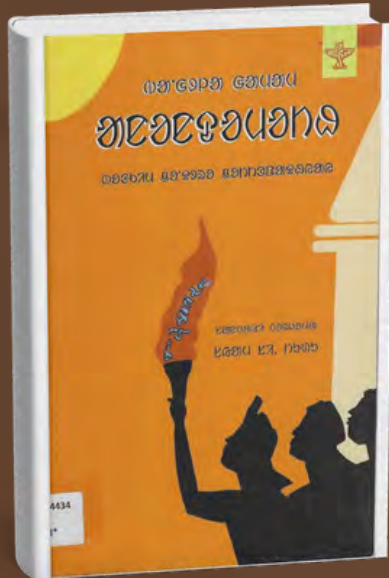
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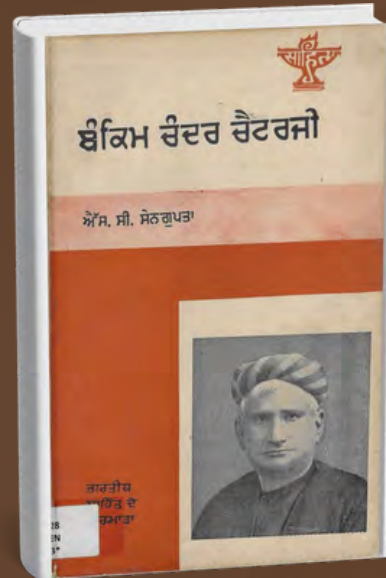


LITERARY TREASURES

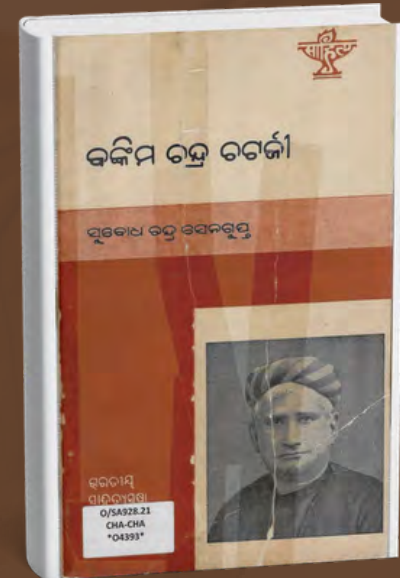
Vande Mataram: A Multilingual Literary Legacy



**Vande Mataram,
Santhali**



**Vande Mataram,
Punjabi**



**Vande Mataram,
Odia**

The continuing resonance of Vande Mataram is evident in the remarkable range of books published in Indian languages. These works reflect the diverse reception of the song across India and reveal the song's literary, historical and cultural importance.

Through translations, critical writings and literary interpretations, Vande Mataram emerges as more than a national song, becoming a shared cultural expression that has travelled across linguistic and regional boundaries. The compilation of these publications in different Indian languages is a tribute to India's multilingual literary tradition and a testament to the ever-present relevance of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's iconic composition in the collective consciousness of India's cultural fabric.

REMEMBERING THE 350TH MARTYRDOM DAY OF SRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI

The Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, in collaboration with Punjabi Cultural & Welfare Association, Navi Mumbai, organised a National Seminar on 8 August 2026 at Punjab Heritage Bhavan, Navi Mumbai, remembering the 350th Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, Governor of Maharashtra, Kuldip Chand Agnihotri, Madhav Kaushik, Ganesh Naik, Sujata Patil and Vijay Satbir Singh were among the distinguished dignitaries.



BIRTH CENTENARY EVENTS



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Government Arts and Science College, Calicut, organised a symposium marking the Birth Centenary of Thayattu Sankaran on 6 August 2026 at Ambedkar Hall, Calicut. The programme featured Anil Vallathol, Dharmaraj Adat and N. Ajayakumar, along with Shanmukhananda, C.P. Shaheed Ramzan and other scholars and writers.

Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Research Centre of Tamil, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, organised a seminar on the 125th Birth Anniversary of P.R. Purushothama Naidu on 20 August 2026 at the college, Madurai. The programme featured Varun Gulati, R. Thamotharan, A. Ramasubbiah, M. Vijayaragavan, S.R. Sridhar and M.P. Srinivasan.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Tamil Department, Periyar University, Salem, organised a Centenary Seminar on Vaandumama on 28 August 2026 at Periyar University, Salem. The programme featured L. Suresh Kumar, V. Raj, T. Vishnukumar, Bharathibalan and S. Velayuthan, with King Viswa and Boopathy Periyasami chairing the sessions.

Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with the Department of Tamil, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, organised a Centenary Seminar on Kavignar Kannadasan on 3 September 2026 at Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli. The programme featured Varun Gulati, R. Thamotharan, J. Princey Merlin, Santhisree Dhulipudi Pandit, Annadorai Kannadasan and Sirpi Balasubramaniam.



AKADEMI IN MEDIA

शमक्ति के रंग में रंगी भाव मंजरी की काव्य संध्या, शहीदों को नमन कर गूंजा भारत-माता का जयघोष



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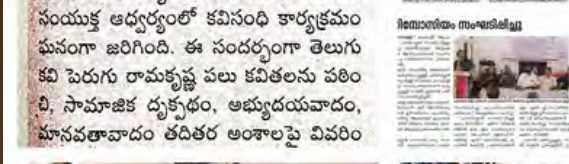
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विष्णुधर (बॉन्स): कविमेलपाठोंनि येमनसो न्नाथो न्नुवामरं केडु सपिथ्थु अका द्दम, वी अथ्थुदय रयुथल न्नुमं न्नुयुक्क अद्वयुथलो कविनन्दि कायुक्कमं पुनंगा जविगिन्दि. ఈ నందర్దుంగా తెలుగు కవి పెదగు రామకృష్ణ పలు కవితలను పఠించి, సామాజిక దృక్పథం, అభ్యుదయవాదం, మానవతావాదం తదితర అంశాలపై వివరించి



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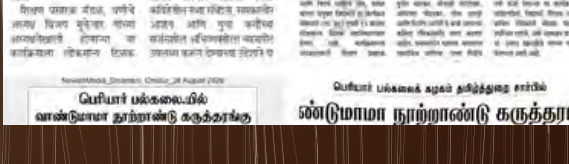
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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLICATION



Sahitya Akademi's Samakaleen Bharatiya Sahitya, May-June 2026 issue, received the Second Prize for Excellence in Book Production 2026 from the Federation of Indian Publishers in the category of Hindi Journals and House Magazines.



Sahitya Akademi's Indian Literature, March-April 2026 issue, received the Second Prize for Excellence in Book Production 2026 from the Federation of Indian Publishers in the category of English Journals and House Magazines.



Sahitya Akademi's Chonvi Rajasthani Kahani-Punjabi received the Third Prize for Excellence in Book Production 2026 from the Federation of Indian Publishers in the category of General and Trade Books in Indian Languages.

GRAMALOK

Village Outreach Programme to identify the literary talent in Bharat



Featuring Bodo poetry and short story readings on 2 August 2026 at Tengigaon Community Hall, Kokrajhar. The programme featured Bijel Kumar Basumatary as Chair, with Jwishri Boro, Hirabai Narzary, Mantri Brahma Choudhury and other participants.



Gramalok on 25 August 2026 at Kumarikata UN Academy, Tamulpur, Assam. Sainen Basumatary delivered the welcome address, with Barua Kt. Brahma as Chair and Satya Narayan Basumatary inaugurating the programme.



Gramalok, with Bengali writers on 28 August 2026 in collaboration with Gazole Mahavidyalaya at Malda, West Bengal.



Gramalok on Sunday, 9 August 2026 at AMK Auditorium, Kanispora, Baramulla, J&K. The programme featured participants Qazi Parvaiz, Abdul Rashid Jowhar, Javid Iqbal Mavri, with Shahnam Tilgami, Member, Kashmiri Advisory Board.



Programme held on 26 August 2026 at Ziyarat-i-Shareef, Shaban Sub-i-Bandipora, Kunan, Bandipora, Jammu & Kashmir. The programme featured participants Manzoor Ahmad Ganaie, Ghulam Rasool Ajasi, and others.



A 'Gramalok' programme on 28 August 2026 at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Putushay Lolab, Kupwara, Jammu & Kashmir. The programme featured participant Ayooob Dilbar, with Shabnam Tilgami serving as Programme Co-ordinator.



Featuring a Dogri Poets' Meet on 12 August 2026 at New Modern High School, Patara, Sunderbani, Rajouri District, Jammu & Kashmir. The programme was chaired by Mohan Singh and featured poets Mulk h Raj Sharma, Joginder Paul, Ramesh Lal and others.



Gramalok, with Bengali writers on 27 August 2026 in collaboration with SBS Government College at Hili, South Dinajpur, West Bengal.



Gramalok, on 30 August 2026 at St. Jacob Church Hall, Kateel, Karnataka, Dakshina Kannada. The programme featured Roshan Sequeira, Jeevan Crasta, Wilson Sequeira, Fr Alfred Pinto.



Featuring a meet with Bodo writers on 24 August 2026 in collaboration with Athiabari Primary Bodo Sahitya Sabha and the Bodo Department of Govt. Model Degree College, Barikukh Kumarikata, BTR, Assam.



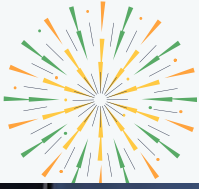
A Kashmiri Poets' Meet under its Gramalok programme on 27 August 2026 at Public English Medium High School, Village Saller, Pahalgam, Anantnag District, Jammu and Kashmir. Noted Kashmiri poet Nadir Ahsan chaired the programme, with Farhan Wularhami.



Gramalok with Programme of Santhali Writers on 23 August 2026 at Bardhaman, West Bengal. Chandi Charan Kisku, President, Santhali Writers' Association, chaired the programme, with readings by Samaresh Hembram, Chandan Murmu, Badal Mandi

SAHITYA AKADEMI'S PARTICIPATION IN HAR GHAR TIRANGA





THE IDENTITY OF VANDE MATARAM



Sri R.N. Ravi, Governor of West Bengal



Glimpse of Odia dance form



Dignitaries in Inaugural Session



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with the Indian Museum, Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata, Santiniketan Sahityapaath and Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, organised a two-day National Seminar on the occasion of the 150th anniversary celebration of 'Vande Mataram' on 29–30 August 2026 in Kolkata. The seminar, "The Identity of Vande Mataram" as an Indian National Movement, featured enriching sessions on literature, culture and the national movement.

Sri R.N. Ravi, Governor of West Bengal, was the Chief Guest, while Sayan Bhattacharya, Ashis Giri, Ayan Bhattacharya and other distinguished scholars and participants contributed to the programme.



LITERARY FORUM



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with the Department of Tamil, Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, organised a Literary Forum on "The Creative Realm of Prapanchan" on 5 August 2026 at Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Pollachi. The programme featured S. Venkatesh, M.A. Vijayamoghan, M.R. Vanithamani, and speakers M. Bhuvaneswari, J. Manjula Devi and N. Kanagarasu.



Sahitya Akademi organised a Literary Forum in memory of the famous Kashmiri poet Qazi Hilal Delnawi on 9 August 2026 at AMK Auditorium, Kanispora, Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir. The programme was chaired by eminent Kashmiri poet Abdul Khaliq Shamas, with Shabnam Tilgami, Shahid Delnawi, Rashid Kanispori, Zahoor Hygami and Qazi Fida participating.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Hindi Sahitya Parishad, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, organised the Literary Forum on 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Aur Sahitya' on 13 August 2026 at Hansraj College, New Delhi. Chief Guest Rama, Principal, Hansraj College, joined Anupam Tiwari, Ravi Tekchandani, Brijesh Pandey and other speakers.



Sahitya Akademi organised the Literary Forum on "Reflections of New Generations in Literature" on 16 August 2026 at Vaikom, Kottayam District. Dr Sabu Kottukkal, Member, Malayalam Advisory Board, welcomed the gathering, while S. Hareesh, D. Manoj, Dr Alida Vincent, Mohandas Vechoor and K.M. Sudeersha participated and addressed the forum.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Baharampur Girls College, organised a Literary Forum on "Rabindranath in the 21st Century" on 21 August 2026 at Baharampur Girls College, Murshidabad. Principal Hena Sinha delivered the welcome address, while Biswajit Roy, Chhandam Chakraborty, Dheeman Bhattacharyya participated, with Amitrasudan Bhattacharya as Chair.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with the Department of PG & Tamil Research, Government Thirumagal Mills College, organised a Literary Forum on "Draupadi in Tamil Culture" on 28 August 2026 at Government Thirumagal Mills College, Gudiyatham. The programme was chaired by P. Seenuvasakumaran, with speakers D. Gunanidhi, M. Ezhumalai and R. Azhagarasan.



Sahitya Akademi organised a Literary Forum in Kashmiri on eminent Kashmiri Sufi poet Prakash Ram Kurgami on 29 August 2026 at Government Degree College, Kulgam, J&K. Principal Mohammad Abas Shah welcomed participants, with Shad Ramzan as Chair and speakers Nisar Nadeem, Hasrat Hussain, Masood Hasham and Mohd Shafi Jaffri.



Sahitya Akademi organised a Literary Forum in Kashmiri on eminent Kashmiri poet Abdul Gani Thoker Mashoor on 29 August 2026 at Government Degree College, Kulgam, J&K. Gulzar Ahmad Rather welcomed the gathering, with Shad Ramzan as Chair and speakers Riyaz Nayak, Shahid Hilal, Shaida Hussain Shaida and Mohammad Syed Lone.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Juwan Onoliya, organised a Mulakat and Literary Forum on 30 August 2026 at Jharia Hemlbru United Club, Jhargram, West Bengal. Shyam C. Tudu chaired the Mulakat, while eminent Santali writer Guhiram Kisku chaired the Literary Forum, featuring readings by Khukumani Hansda, Malati Hembram and others.

SYMPOSIA



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with the Department of Bodo, Bodoland University and Centre for Bodo Studies, organised a symposium on Indian Nationalism in Bodo Literature & Kavisandhi on 10 August 2026 at Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam. B.L. Ahuja inaugurated the programme, chaired by Indira Boro, with Surath Narzary, eminent Bodo writer.



Sahitya Akademi organised a symposium on the Life and Works of Khumanthem Prakash Singh in collaboration with The Cultural Forum, Manipur, on 16 August 2026 at the Auditorium of G. P. Women's College, Imphal, Manipur.



On 17 August 2026, the Akademi organised a symposium on Santali and Other Tribal Life in the Indian Cultural Context at Sambalpur, Odisha.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Kurukshetra University, organised a one-day symposium on Various Dimensions of Folk Literature and Culture on 25 August 2026 at Senate Hall, Kurukshetra University, Haryana. Chief Guest Madhav Kaushik was joined by Lalchand Gupta 'Mangal', Som Nath Sachdeva and other distinguished speakers.

ASMITA



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Guwahati College Teachers' Unit and IQAC, Guwahati College, organised Asmita on 7 August 2026 at Guwahati. Chief Guest Pranab Sandilya was joined by Dharani Lahan, Jinty Sarma, Jahnabi Devi and participating Assamese writers.



Sahitya Akademi organised Asmita, a Punjabi Poetry Reading, on Monday, 10 August 2026 at S.S.D. College, Barnala, Punjab. The programme was chaired by Buta Singh Chauhan, with participation from Mandeep Kaur, Mandeep Aulakh, Amandeep Kaur Mann and Khushvir Kaur Dhillon.

NARI CHETNA



The Akademi organised a Nari Chetna programme with Assamese writers in collaboration with Manikpur Anchalik College on 29 August 2026 at Manikpur, Bongaigaon, Assam.

SEMINARS



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Darjeeling Government College, organised a two-day seminar on The Cultural Panorama of Indian Nepali Literature on 22-23 August 2026 at Darjeeling Government College, West Bengal. Key dignitaries included Shankar Deo Dhakal, Sujata Rani Rai, Asha Mukhiya Lama and Sneha Choudhury.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, organised a two-day seminar on Dogri Drama on 24-25 August 2026 at K. L. Sehgal Hall, Writers Club, Jammu. Chief Guest Harvinder Kour was joined by Shiv Dev Shukil and Om Goswami.



Sahitya Akademi, in collaboration with Dr U. Ve. Swaminatha Iyer Library, organised a Special Lecture Series on Tamil Manuscript Tradition under Gyan Bharatam Mission on 11 August 2026 at Anna Centenary Library, Chennai. Dignitaries included Varun Gulati, R. Thamotharan, G. Viswanathan, K. Vaidyanathan and A. R. Venkatachalapathy.

LITERARY MEETS



Kavisandhi with Dr Perugu Ramakrishna, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, 6 August



Dweep Raaz, Yuva Sahiti programme, Guwahati, Assam, 7 August



Kathasandhi with Mushtaq Ahmad Mushtaq, Srinagar (J&K), 8 August



Kavisandhi, Kokrajhar, Assam, 10 August



National Poets' Meet at Kurushetra, 15 August



Mulakat with Young Bengali Writers on 18 August, West Bengal



Transgender Meet on 18 August, Uttar Pradesh



Nepali Poets' Meet at Siliguri, 23 August



Bodo Young Poets' Meet, Tamulpur, 25 August



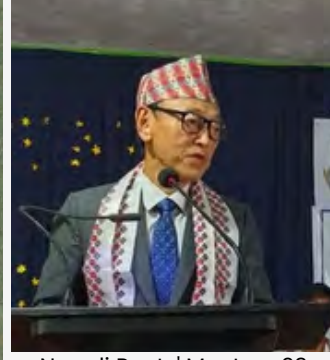
Panel Discussion in University of Delhi on 27 August, New Delhi



Translation Workshop on 26-28 August at Gangtok.



Mulakat with Assamese writers, Bongaigaon, 29 August



Nepali Poets' Meet on 29 August, Sonada, West Bengal



Through My Window on 29 August, West Bengal



Yuva Sahiti Gujarati Poetry Readings on 30 August, Gujarat

LATEST PUBLICATIONS (AUGUST 2026)

ASSAMESE

- 01 KAIT ARU ANYANYA GALPA
(TRANSLATION OF ODISIA SHORT STORIES)
BY GOURAHARI DAS
TR. NABA KUMAR MISRA
PP. 172, RS.160/-
ISBN 978-93-6183-066-8

BENGALI

- 01 KACHI KACHADER SARKAR
(TRANSLATION OF URDU CHILDREN'S STORIES)
BY ASAD RAZA
TR. PUSPITO MUKHOPADHYAY
PP. 52, RS.90/-
ISBN 978-93-6183-130-0

BODO

- 01 ZONGFAR FAR SU ANW GUBUN GUBUN SOLOFOWR
(TRANSLATION OF ODISIA SHORT STORIES)
BY GOURAHARI DAS
TR. INDIRA BORO
PP. 216, RS.200/-
ISBN 978-93-6183-127-0

DOGRI

- 01 AAO MILIYE KHELICHE NATAK
BY PRAKASH MANU, DOGRI TR. PADAM DEV SINGH
'NAADAAN'
PP.104, PRICE: RS.320/-
ISBN: 978-93-6183-142-3
- 02 CHUKKU, KITTHE GEYA TU? (HINDI-DOGRI TRANSLATION WORKSHOP)
BY SWAYAM PRAKASH, DOGRI TR. RAKESH VERMA
PP. 68, PRICE: RS.190/-
ISBN: 978-93-6183-032-7
- 03 CHIDA DE CHIDI DI RAHI BAHU (HINDI-DOGRI TRANSLATION WORKSHOP)
BY C.L. SANKHLA, RAJASTHANI TO HINDI TR. LALIT SHRIMALI
DOGRI TR. PADAM DEV SINGH 'NADAAN'
PP. 48, PRICE: RS.175/-
ISBN: 978-93-6183-181-2
- 04 MOHAN RAKESH (MIL-HINDI)
BY PRATIBHA AGARWAL, DOGRI TR. KRISHAN SHARMA
PP.88, PRICE: RS. 100/-
ISBN: 978-93-6183-145-4

ENGLISH

- 01 THE POLITICS OF LIBERATION (A/W HINDI NOVEL, MUKTIBODH)
BY JAINENDRA KUMAR, ENGLISH TR. MAHUA SEN
PP. 152, PRICE: RS. 236
ISBN: 978-93-6183-160-7
- 02 MYTHOLOGY IN NATURE: DIVINE PLANTS
BY SUNITA PANT BANSAL
PP. 116, PRICE: RS. 225/-
ISBN: 978-93-6183-175-1

GUJARATI

- 01 VISHWANATH PRASAD TIWARI RACHANA SANCHAY
BY REVATHI RAMAN
TR. ALOK GUPTA
PP. 374, RS.1075/-
ISBN 978-93-6183-078-5

HINDI

- 01 तारुण्य के स्वर (पुरस्कृत ओडिआ कविता-संग्रह) (हिंदी)
सं. प्रदीप बिस्वाल, हिंदी अनु. राजेंद्र प्रसाद मिश्र
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