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POETRY DOMINATES SAHITYA AKADEMI YUVA PURASKAR 2017

Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Yuva Puraskar in 24 languages today. Sixteen books of poetry, five of short stories, two of biography and one of essay have won the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2017.

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 Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President, Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Sri Pratim Baruah (Assamese), Sri Bijit Gwra Ramchiary (Bodo), Sri Rajinder Ranjha (Dogri), Sri Taro Sindik (Hindi), Ms. Nighat Sahiba (Kashmiri), Sri Amey Vishram Naik (Konkani), Sri Chandan Kumar Jha (Maithili), Sri. Kh. Krishnamohan Singha (Manipuri), Sri Saran Muskan (Nepali), Sri Suryasnata Tripathy (Odia), Sri Harman (Punjabi), Sri Hemchandra Belwal (Sanskrit), Ms. Maina Tudu (Santali), Ms. Rekha Sachdev Pohani (Sindhi), Ms. J. Jayabharathi (Manushi) (Tamil) and Ms. Mercy Margaret (Telugu). Sri Rahul Kosambi is awarded for his essay.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of short stories include Sri Shamik Ghosh (Bengali), Sri Ram Mori (Gujarati), Ms. Shanthi K. Appana (Kannada), Ms. Aswathy Sasikumar (Malayalam) and Sri Ummed Dhaniya (Rajasthani). Sri Manu S. Pillai (English) and Sri Rasheed Ashraf Khan (Urdu) are awarded for their Biographies.

According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous or selection made 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 2017

<u>Language</u>	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>
Assamese	Xodhahe Nohol Tok o Bokul (Poetry)	Pratim Baruah
Bengali	Elvis O Amolasundari (Short Stories)	Shamik Ghosh
Bodo	Gwrbwnei Aroj (Poetry)	Bijit Gwra Ramchiary
Dogri	Tere Hirke Ch (Poetry)	Rajinder Ranjha
English	The Ivory Throne (Biography)	Manu S. Pillai
Gujarati	Mahotu (Short Stories)	Ram Mori
Hindi	Aksharo Ki Vinti (Poetry)	Taro Sindik
Kannada	Manasu Abhisaarike (Short Stories)	Shanthi K. Appanna
Kashmiri	Zard Panike Dair (Poetry)	Nighat Sahiba
Konkani	Mog Dot Com (Poetry)	Amey Vishram Naik
Maithili	Dhartis Akash Dhari (Poetry)	Chandan Kumar Jha
Malayalam	Josephinte Manam (Short Stories)	Aswathy Sasikumar
Manipuri	Kellaba Unagi Ishei (Poetry)	Kh. Krishnamohan Singha
Marathi	Ubha – Aadava (Essays)	Rahul Kosambi
Nepali	Mooldharatira (Poetry)	Sarang Muskan
Odia	E Sampark Emiti (Poetry)	Suryasnata Tripathy
Punjabi	Rani Tatt (Poetry)	Harmanjit Singh
Rajasthani	Lebel (Short Stories)	Ummed Dhaniya
Sanskrit	Parivartankavyam (Poetry)	Hemchandra Belwal
Santali	Marsal Dahar (Poetry)	Maina Tudu
Sindhi	Usaat (Poetry)	Rekha Sachdev Pohani
Tamil	Aathik Kathalin Ninaiuv Kurippukal (Poetry)	J. Jayabharathi (Manushi)
Telugu	Maatala Madugu (Poetry)	Mercy Margaret
Urdu	Maulana Mohammed Husain Azad Aur Unka Shairi Safar (Biography)	Rasheed Ashraf Khan

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