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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Sahitya Akademi Award 2021**

Sahitya Akademi, announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 20 languages today. 07 books of poetry, 02 of novel, 05 of short stories, 02 Plays, one each of Biography, Autobiography, Criticism and Epic Poetry have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021. Awards in Gujarati, Maithili, Manipuri and Urdu languages will be announced at a later date.


The Awards, recommended by distinguished Jury members in 20 Indian languages, were approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

The following have won the Award in the below mentioned category:

Category	Awardees
Poetry	Sri Mwdai Gahai (Bodo), Sri Sanjiv Verenkar (Konkani), Sri Hrushikesh Mallick (Odia), Sri Meethesh Nirmohi (Rajasthani), Sri Vindeshwariprasad Mishr 'Vinay' (Sanskrit), Sri Arjun Chawla (Sindhi), Sri Gorati Venkanna (Telugu)
Short Stories	Sri Raj Rahi (Dogri), Sri Kiran Gurav (Marathi), Sri Khalid Hussain (Punjabi), Sri Niranjan Hansda (Santali), Sri Ambai (Tamil)
Novel	Smt. Anuradha Sarma Pujari (Assamese), Smt. Namita Gokhale (English)
Biography	Sri D.S. Nagabhushana (Kannada)
Autobiography	Sri George Onakkoor (Malayalam)
Play	Sri Bratya Basu (Bengali), Sri Daya Prakash Sinha (Hindi)
Criticism	Sri Wali Mohd. Aseer Kashtawari (Kashmiri)
Epic Poetry	Sri Chhabilal Upadhyaya (Nepali)

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 2015 and 31 December 2019).

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- towards cash content will be presented at the award presentation function which will be held at a later date.

  
(K. Sreenivasarao)

Encl: List of Award-winners & Jury members

Annexure 'A'

**SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2021**

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Iyat Ekhan Aaronya Asil (Novel)	Anuradha Sarma Pujari
Bengali	Mirjafar O Ananya Natak (Play)	Bratya Basu
Bodo	Khoro Sayao Arw Himalay (Poetry)	Mwdai Gahai
Dogri	Namme Tunnel (Short Stories)	Raj Rahi
English	Things to Leave Behind (Novel)	Namita Gokhale
Hindi	Samrat Ashok (Play)	Daya Prakash Sinha
Kannada	Gandhi Kathana (Biography)	D.S. Nagabhushana
Kashmiri	Tawazun (Criticism)	Wali Mohd. Aseer Kashtawari
Konkani	Raktachandan (Poetry)	Sanjiv Verenkar
Malayalam	Hrudayaragangal (Autobiography)	George Onakkoor
Marathi	Baluchya Awasthantarachi Diary (Short Stories)	Kiran Gurav
Nepali	Usha Anirudha (Epic Poetry)	Chhabilal Upadhyaya
Odia	Sarijaithiba Apera (Poetry)	Hrushikesh Mallick
Punjabi	Sullan Da Salan (short Stories)	Khalid Hussain
Rajasthani	Mugtee (Poetry)	Meethesh Nirmohi
Sanskrit	Srijati Shankhnadam Kil, Kavita (Poetry)	Vindeshwariprasad Mishr 'Vinay'
Santali	Mane Rena Arhang (Short Stories)	Niranjan Hansda
Sindhi	Nena Nindakhra (Poetry)	Arjun Chawla
Tamil	Civappuk Kazuttu Tan Oru Paccaip Paravai (Short Stories)	Ambai
Telugu	Vallankitaalam (Poetry)	Gorati Venkanna

Awards in Gujarati, Maithili, Manipuri & Urdu languages will be announced at a later date.

**JURY MEMBERS FOR THE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2021**

<b>ASSAMESE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Dr. Ananda Barmudoj</li><li>➤ Dr. Kamaluddin Ahmed</li><li>➤ Dr. Pona Mahanta</li></ul>	<b>BENGALI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Ranajit Das</li><li>➤ Prof. Tapodhir Bhattacharjee</li><li>➤ Sri Tridib Chattopadhyay</li></ul>
<b>BODO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Gopinath Brahma</li><li>➤ Dr. Nareswar Narzary</li><li>➤ Sri Gobinda Basumatari</li></ul>	<b>DOGRI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Lalit Gupta</li><li>➤ Sri Shailender Singh</li><li>➤ Sri Shamsher Singh</li></ul>
<b>ENGLISH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Dr. Harish Trivedi</li><li>➤ Prof. Supriya Chaudhuri</li><li>➤ Sri Vivek Shanbag</li></ul>	<b>HINDI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Prof. Chamanlal Gupt</li><li>➤ Prof. (Dr) Divik Ramesh</li><li>➤ Prof. Jayaprakash</li></ul>
<b>KANNADA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Dr. Amaresh Nugadoni</li><li>➤ Sri Bolwar Mahammad Kunhi</li><li>➤ Dr. Sabiha Bhoomigowda</li></ul>	<b>KASHMIRI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Prem Nath Shad</li><li>➤ Sri Ghulam Nabi Khayal</li><li>➤ Sri Abdul Ahad Hajini</li></ul>
<b>KONKANI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Damodar Mauzo</li><li>➤ Sri R.S. Bhaskar</li><li>➤ Sri Tukaram Rama Shet</li></ul>	<b>MALAYALAM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri K. P. Ramanunni</li><li>➤ Dr. K.S. Ravikumar</li><li>➤ Dr. M. Leelavathy</li></ul>
<b>MARATHI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Satish Alekar</li><li>➤ Sri Vasant Patankar</li><li>➤ Dr. Ravindra Shobhane</li></ul>	<b>NEPALI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Bhupendra Adhikari</li><li>➤ Smt. Bindya Subba</li><li>➤ Sri Rudra Paudyal</li></ul>
<b>ODIA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Tarun Kanti Mishra</li><li>➤ Dr. Banshidhar Sarangi</li><li>➤ Prof. Niladri Bhusan Harichandan</li></ul>	<b>PUNJABI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Prof. Surjit Singh Lee</li><li>➤ Dr. Baljinder Kaur</li><li>➤ Dr. Baljeet Kaur</li></ul>
<b>RAJASTHANI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Brijratan Joshi</li><li>➤ Sri Krishan Kumar Ashu</li><li>➤ Smt. Geeta Samaur</li></ul>	<b>SANSKRIT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Dr. Mahavir Agarwal</li><li>➤ Prof. Rani Sadasiva Murty</li><li>➤ Dr. Leena Rastogi</li></ul>
<b>SANTALI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Arjun Hembram</li><li>➤ Sri Jamadar Kisku</li><li>➤ Sri Surya Singh Besra</li></ul>	<b>SINDHI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri Goverdhan Sharma Ghayal</li><li>➤ Sri Khiman U. Mulani</li><li>➤ Ms. Maya Rahi</li></ul>
<b>TAMIL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sri K. Muthukrishnan</li><li>➤ Sri Imayam</li><li>➤ Prof. Ramagurunathan</li></ul>	<b>TELUGU</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Dr. C. Mrunalini</li><li>➤ Sri G. Sreeramamurty</li><li>➤ Dr. Katyayani Vidmahe</li></ul>

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