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POETS DOMINATE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS 2011

New Delhi, 21 December 2011. Eight books of poetry, seven of novels, three of essays, one each of short stories, narrative history, biography and a play have won the Sahitya Akademi Award this year.

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 Sri Sunil Gangopadhyay, President of the Sahitya Akademi.

Famous poets honoured with the Award for the year 2011 are (late) Kabin Phukan (Assamese), Manindra Gupta (Bengali), Premananda Mosahari (Bodo), Naseem Shafaie (Kashmiri), Melvyn Rodrigues (Konkani), Harekrishna Satapathy (Sanskrit), Aditya Kumar Mandi (Santali) and Khaleel Mamoon (Urdu).

The well-known novelists Kashinath Singh (Hindi), Gopalakrishna Pai (Kannada), Kshetri Bira (Manipuri), Kalpanakumari Devi (Odia), Baldev Singh (Punjabi), Atul Kanakk (Rajasthani) and S. Venkatesan (Tamil) are among those honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2011.

Lalit Magotra (Dogri), Grace (Marathi) and Samala Sadasiva (Telugu) have got the Award for their books of essays.

Ramachandra Guha (English) for his book of Narrative History, Mohan Parmar (Gujarati) for his book of short stories, M. K. Sanu (Malayalam) for his book of biography and Mohan Gehani (Sindhi) for his book of plays have been honoured.

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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 three years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e., between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2009).

Award in Maithili will be declared later. No Award in Nepali.

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and a cheque of ₹ 1,00,000/- will be presented to the authors of these books at a special function to be held on 14 February 2012 at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters organized by Sahitya Akademi.

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(Agrahara Krishna Murthy)

Annexure 'A'

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2011

<u>Language</u>	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>
Assamese	Ei Anuragi Ei Udasi (<i>Poetry</i>)	(late) Kabin Phukan
Bengali	Bane Aaj Concherto (<i>Poetry</i>)	Manindra Gupta
Bodo	Okhafwrni Dwima (<i>Poetry</i>)	Premananda Mosahari
Dogri	Cheten Diyan Ga'liyan (<i>Essays</i>)	Lalit Magotra
English	India After Gandhi (<i>Narrative History</i>)	Ramachandra Guha
Gujarati	Anchalo (<i>Short Stories</i>)	Mohan Parmar
Hindi	Rehan Per Ragghu (<i>Novel</i>)	Kashinath Singh
Kannada	Swapna Saraswata (<i>Novel</i>)	Gopalakrishna Pai
Kashmiri	Na Thsay Na Aks (<i>Poetry</i>)	Naseem Shafaie
Konkani	Prakriticho Paas (<i>Poetry</i>)	Melvyn Rodrigues
Malayalam	Basheer: Ekantha Veedhiyile Avadhoothan (<i>Biography</i>)	M. K. Sanu
Manipuri	Nangbu Ngaibada (<i>Novel</i>)	Kshetri Bira
Marathi	Varyane Halate Raan (<i>Essays</i>)	Grace (Manik Godghate)
Odia	Achihna Basabhumi (<i>Novel</i>)	Kalpanakumari Devi
Punjabi	Dhaawaan Dilli De Kingrey (<i>Novel</i>)	Baldev Singh
Rajasthani	Joon-Jatra (<i>Novel</i>)	Atul Kanakk
Sanskrit	Bharatayanam (<i>Poetry</i>)	Harekrishna Satapathy
Santali	Banchao Larhai (<i>Poetry</i>)	Aditya Kumar Mandi
Sindhi	...Ta Khawaban Jo Chha Thindo (<i>Plays</i>)	Mohan Gehani
Tamil	Kaval Kottam (<i>Novel</i>)	S. Venkatesan
Telugu	Swaralayalu (<i>Essays</i>)	Samala Sadasiva
Urdu	Aafaaq Ki Taraf (<i>Poetry</i>)	Khaleel Mamoon

- Note:** 1) No Award in Nepali.
2) Maithili Award will be declared later.

JURY MEMBERS FOR THE 2011 SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS

ASSAMESE

- 1) Sri Pradip Acharya
- 2) Dr. Kutubuddin Ahmed
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- 2) Dr. (Smt.) Dalip Kaur Tiwana
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