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POETS DOMINATE SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS 2012

New Delhi, 20 December 2012. Twelve books of poetry, six of short stories, four of novels, one each of autobiography and criticism have won the Sahitya Akademi Award this year.

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. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, Acting President of the Sahitya Akademi.

Famous poets honoured with the Award for the year 2012 are Guneswar Musahary (Bodo), (late) Bal Krishan 'Bhaura' (Dogri), Jeet Thayil (English), Chandrakant Devtale (Hindi), H.S. Shivaprakash (Kannada), Makhan Lal Kanwal (Kashmiri), Kashinath Shamba Loliengar (Konkani), K. Satchidanandan (Malayalam), Darshan Buttar (Punjabi), Aidan Singh Bhati (Rajasthani), Ramji Thakkura (Sanskrit), and Krishna Kumar Toor (Urdu).

The well-known novelists Chandana Goswami (Assamese), Subrata Mukhopadhyay (Bengali), Jodha C Sanasam (Manipuri) and D. Selvaraj (Tamil) are among those honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2012.

Jayant Pawar (Marathi), Uday Thulung (Nepali), Gourahari Das (Odia), Gangadhar Hansda (Santali), (late) Indra Vaswani (Sindhi) and Peddibhotla Subbaramaiah (Telugu) have got the Award for their books of short stories.

Chandrakant Topiwala (Gujarati) for his book of criticism and Shefalika Verma (Maithili) for her autobiography have been honoured.

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