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SAHITYA AKADEMI YUVA PURASKAR 2011

Sahitya Akademi announced its first annual Yuva Puraskar in 16 languages today; the rest of the languages will be declared at a later date except Dogri and Sindhi. Six books of poetry, one of novel, five of short stories, one of biography, one of essay and two of plays have won the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar.

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 Sri Sunil Gangopadhyay, President of the Sahitya Akademi.

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of poetry include Uma Shankar Choudhary (Hindi), Veeranna Madiwalara (Kannada), Nisar Azam (Kashmiri), Aishwarya Patekar (Marathi), Gayatribala Panda (Odia) and Paramveer Singh (Punjabi).

Those who have won the Awards for their collection of short stories include Binod Ghoshal (Bengali), Susmesh Chandroth (Malayalam), Dula Ram Saharan (Rajasthani), Jofa Gonsalves (Konkani) and Vempalli Gangadhar (Telugu). M. Thavasi (Tamil) is awarded for his novel.

Those who have won the Awards for their plays are Anand Kumar Jha (Maithili) and Dhwanil Parekh (Gujarati). Vikram Sampath (English) won the award for Biography while Arindam Borkataki (Assamese) won for his book on essays.

According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous selections made by the Jury or selection made on the basis of majority vote. 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 held at a later date.

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(Agrahara Krishna Murthy)

Encls: List of Award-winners
List of Jury members

Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2011

<u>Language</u>	<u>Title and Genre</u>	<u>Author</u>
Assamese	ANUSILON (ESSAYS)	ARINDAM BORKATAKI
Bengali	DANAOWLA MANUS (SHORT STORIES)	BINOD GHOSHAL
English	'MY NAME IS GAUHAR JAAN!' - THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A MUSICIAN (BIOGRAPHY)	VIKRAM SAMPATH
Gujarati	ANTIM YUDDHA (PLAY)	DHWANIL PAREKH
Hindi	KAHTE HAIN TAB SHANSHAAH SO RAHE THE (POETRY)	UMA SHANKAR CHOUDHARY
Kannada	NELADA KARUNEYA DANI (POETRY)	VEERANNA MADIWALARA
Kashmiri	PATTE LEJI ZOON DARAS(POETRY)	NISAR AZAM
Konkani	NIRNAY (SHORT STORIES)	JOFA GONSALVES
Maithili	HATHAT PARIVARTAN (PLAY)	ANAND KUMAR JHA
Malayalam	MARANA VIDYALAYAM (SHORT STORIES)	SUSMESH CHANDROTH
Marathi	BHUIHASHTRA (POETRY)	AISHWARYA PATEKAR
Odia	GAAN (POETRY)	GAYATRIBALA PANDA
Punjabi	AMRIT VELA (POETRY)	PARAMVEER SINGH
Rajasthani	PEER (SHORT STORIES)	DULA RAM SAHARAN
Tamil	SEVALKATTU (NOVEL)	M. THAVASI
Telugu	MOLOKALAPUNNAMI (SHORT STORIES)	VEMPALLI GANGADHAR

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