

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025, Full List, Winners, Categories

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The **Sahitya Akademi Award 2025** celebrates some of the finest voices in **Indian literature**. It recognises **writers** who have made meaningful contributions across different **languages** and **genres**. The award highlights the **richness** and **diversity** of **storytelling in India**. It also brings attention to **powerful ideas, culture**, and **human experiences** expressed through literature. It encourages both **writers and readers** to value and engage more deeply with **literary works**.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025

- The **Sahitya Akademi** has announced its **annual Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025** for works in **24 Indian languages recognised by it**, highlighting the richness of India's **multilingual literary tradition**.
- This year, a total of **24 books** were selected across various literary categories, including **8 poetry collections, 4 novels, 6 short story collections, 2 essays, 1 literary criticism, 1 autobiography, and 2 memoirs**, showing diversity in literary forms.
- The awards are given every year through a **well-established and transparent selection process**, ensuring credibility and recognition of genuine literary merit.

- For the **2025 awards**, the selection process began with an **open advertisement issued on 30 January 2025**, inviting nominations from across the country.
- The final selection was made by **distinguished jury members** for each of the **24 languages**, and the recommendations were later **approved by the competent authority of Sahitya Akademi**, maintaining institutional integrity.

Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 List	
Category	Winning Books (Language-wise)
Poetry	Shrestha Kabita (Bengali); Thakur Satsayie (Dogri); Bhattkhadaki (Gujarati); Najdavanek'y Pot Aalav (Kashmiri); Padapurana (Odia); Prasthanacatustaye Brahmaghosah (Sanskrit); Animesha (Telugu); Safar Jaari Hai (Urdu)
Novel	Karhi Khelar Sadhu (Assamese); Dwngnwi Lama Mwnse Gathwn (Bodo); Crimson Spring (English); Maayaamanushyar (Malayalam)
Short Stories	Dada Seerisu Tande (Kannada); Kanglamdriba Eephut (Manipuri); Safety Kit (Punjabi); Bharkhama (Rajasthani); Mid Birna Chenne Saon Inag Sagai (Santali); Waghoo (Sindhi)
Essays	Konkani Kavyem: Rupani Ani Rupakam (Konkani); Nepali Paramparik Sanskriti Ra Sabhyata Ko Dukuti (Nepali)
Literary Criticism	Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangal (Tamil)
Autobiography	Kalyanilya Resha (Marathi)
Memoir	Jeete Jee Allahabad (Hindi); Dhatri Paat San Gaam (Maithili)

About Sahitya Akademi Award

- The **Sahitya Akademi Award**, established in **1954**, is one of the most prestigious literary honours in India and is considered the **second highest literary award after the Jnanpith Award**, recognising **outstanding books of literary merit**.
- It is given **annually** by the **Sahitya Akademi**, which is an **autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture**, ensuring credibility and independence in the selection process.
- The award covers **24 languages**, including the **22 languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of Indian Constitution**, along with **English and Rajasthani**, thereby ensuring representation of both constitutional and non-scheduled languages.

- The **eligibility criteria** require that the work must be an **original contribution**, published within the **five years preceding the award**, and the **author must be an Indian citizen**, ensuring both relevance and authenticity.
- Every year, **one award is given per language**, and it can be for different literary genres such as **poetry, novels, essays, drama, criticism, and other forms of writing**, depending on the best work available.
- The award consists of a **copper plaque, a shawl, a citation, and a cash prize of ₹1,00,000**, which has increased significantly from the initial **₹5,000 given in 1955**, reflecting its growing importance.

About Sahitya Akademi (Institution)

- The **Sahitya Akademi** is India's **national academy of letters** and plays a central role in **promoting literature, encouraging writers, and fostering literary dialogue** across different languages.
- It was **formally inaugurated on 12 March 1954** and later registered as a **society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860**, which gives it an **autonomous character** while still being supported by the government.
- It is unique because it is the **only institution in India that works actively in 24 languages**, promoting not only writing but also **translation, literary exchange, and cultural understanding**.
- The Akademi undertakes various activities such as **publishing books, organising seminars, conducting literary events, supporting translations, and recognising excellence through awards and fellowships**, thereby strengthening India's literary ecosystem.
- The **nodal ministry** is the **Ministry of Culture**, and its **headquarters is located in New Delhi**, making it a central institution for literary governance in India.

Other Important Sahitya Akademi Honours

- The **Yuva Puraskar** is awarded to **young writers**, aiming to **encourage new talent and emerging voices** in Indian literature.
- The **Bal Sahitya Puraskar** focuses on **children's literature**, promoting reading habits and literary creativity among younger audiences.
- The **Sahitya Akademi Fellowship** is the **highest honour given by the Akademi**, awarded to writers with **exceptional and lifelong contributions** to literature.
- The **Bhasha Samman** recognises contributions to **classical languages and non-scheduled languages**, thereby preserving and promoting India's linguistic heritage beyond the mainstream.

Significance

- The awards recognise **outstanding literary works across genres and languages**, encouraging writers from different regions and linguistic backgrounds.
- They play an important role in **promoting regional literature, preserving cultural heritage, and strengthening national integration through literature**.
- By following a **transparent and structured selection process**, the Sahitya Akademi ensures that only **high-quality and deserving works** are honoured each year.

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