



Sahitya Akademi Awards

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The Sahitya Akademi announced Bal Sahitya Puraskar and Yuva Puraskar 2019.

- **Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar** relates to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award.
During the initial ten years (i.e. from 2010 to 2019), the award may also be given to an author based on his/her total contribution to children literature.
- **Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar** 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 winners of both the awards will receive a casket containing an engraved **copper plaque and a cheque of Rs 50,000.**

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- Sahitya Akademi award established in 1954, is a **literary honour** that is conferred **annually** by Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of letters.
- Award is presented to the most outstanding books of literary merit published in any of the twenty-four major Indian languages recognized by the Akademi (including English).
- Sahitya Akademi award is the second highest literary honour by the Government of India, after Jananpith award.
- The award is presented in the form of a casket containing an engraved **copper-plaque**, a shawl and a cheque of Rs 1 lakh.

Indian film-maker **Satyajit Ray** is the designer of the plaque awarded by the Sahitya Akademi.

Criteria

- The author must be of **Indian Nationality**.
- Book/work eligible for award must be an outstanding contribution to the **language** and **literature** to which it belongs.

- When equal merit for books of two or more are found, certain criteria like **total literary contribution and standing of authors** shall be taken into consideration for declaring award.