



Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019

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Recently, Sahitya Akademi has announced its **annual Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019**.

- The awardees will receive an **engraved copper-plaque**, a shawl and an amount of **Rs. 1 lakh**.
 - Indian film-maker Satyajit Ray is the **designer of the plaque** awarded by the Sahitya Akademi.

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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**.
- Akademi gives 24 awards annually to literary works in the languages it has recognized and an equal number of awards to literary translations from and into the languages of India.
 - **Besides the 22 languages** enumerated in the Constitution of India, the Sahitya Akademi has **recognised English and Rajasthani** as languages in which its programme may be implemented.
- Sahitya Akademi award is the **second-highest literary honour** by the Government of India, **after Jananpith award**.
- **Criteria:**
 - The author must be of **Indian Nationality**.
 - Book/work eligible for the 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.

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