



Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023

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Why in News?

Recently, the Sahitya Akademi announced the [Sahitya Akademi Award](#) 2023 in 24 languages.

- Nine books of **poetry, six novels, five short story collections**, three essays and one literary study have **won the Sahitya Akademi Awards this year**.
- The award, in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl, and RS 1,00,000, will be presented to the awardees.

What is the Sahitya Akademi Award?

- **About:**
 - 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.
- The Sahitya Akademi award is the second-highest literary honour by the Government of India, **after the Jnanpith award**.
- **Criteria for Choosing Awardee:**
 - 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 the award.
- **Other Sahitya Akademi Awards:**
 - Sahitya Akademi **Bal Sahitya Puraskar is given to an author** based on his/her total contribution to children literature and relates to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award.
 - Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar **relates to books published by an author of the age of 35 and below**.

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