



Sahitya Akademi Fellowship to Ruskin Bond

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Why in News?

The eminent Indian author **Ruskin Bond** has been conferred with the **Sahitya Akademi Fellowship**, the highest literary honour bestowed by the [Sahitya Akademi](#).



What are Ruskin Bond's Contributions to Literature?

- Born on 19th May 1934, in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, Bond has had a prolific writing career spanning over 50 years. He has written in various genres including short stories, novels, non-fiction, romance, and children's books.
- **Notable Works:** *Vagrants in the Valley*, *Once Upon a Monsoon Time*, *Angry River*, *Strangers in the Night*, *All Roads Lead to Ganga*, *Tales of Fosterganj*, *Leopard on the Mountain*, and *Too Much Trouble*.
 - The 1978 Hindi film *Junoon* was based on his historical novel ***A Flight of Pigeons***, which was set during the [Indian Rebellion of 1857](#).
- **Honours Received:** [Padma Shri \(1999\)](#), [Padma Bhushan \(2019\)](#), [Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya](#)

[Puraskar](#) (2012), and **Sahitya Akademi Award (1992)**.

- Bond was named a recipient of Akademi's highest honour in 2021.

Sahitya Akademi Fellowship

- Sahitya Akademi confers four types of Fellowships to honour significant contributions to Indian literature and to **encourage research on Indian literature and culture by international scholars**.

Fellowship Type	Description
Sahitya Akademi Fellowship	▪ The highest literary honour in India, awarded to "Immortals of Indian Literature." ▪ Only 21 Fellows can be elected at any given time.
Sahitya Akademi Honorary Fellowship	▪ For non-Indian scholars who have significantly contributed to Indian literature. ▪ Limited to 10 Honorary Fellows at any time.
Premchand Fellowship	▪ For creative writers from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries other than India researching Indian literature and culture. ▪ Established in 2005 during Munshi Premchand's 125th birth anniversary. ▪ Provides a stipend, travel, and accommodation for 1-3 months.
Ananda Coomaraswamy Fellowship	▪ For Asian scholars (excluding Indians) pursuing literary projects. ▪ Instituted in 1996, revived in 2005. ▪ Provides similar support as the Premchand Fellowship.



SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS

The 2nd-highest literary honour by the Govt of India, after the Jnanpith Award Estd. - 1954

CONFERRED BY

- Sahitya Akademi - India's National Academy of letters

AWARDS

- 24 awards for literary works in recognised languages (22 from 8th Schedule + English and Rajasthani)
- 24 awards for literary translations from and into the languages of India.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

- Author must be of Indian Nationality
- Book/work must be an outstanding contribution to the corresponding language/literature



SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS 2022

BHASHA SAMMAN

- Given for considerable contribution to the propagation, modernization or enrichment of the languages concerned
- Awarded to **Udaya Nath Jha** (valuable contribution in classical and mediaeval literature in the eastern region)

BOOKS SELECTED FOR TRANSLATION

- Yaad Vashem** (N. Nallathambi), **Akupacha Kavithalu** (Varala Anand) +15 more

IMP AWARDEES

- Anuradha Roy
- Badri Narayan
- Mr. Rajendran
- Praveen Bandekar
- Anis Ashfaq
- Manoj Kumar Goswami

WORK

- All the Lives We Never Lived (Eng novel)
- Tumadi Ke Shabd (Hindi poetry book)
- Kala Pani (Tamil Novel)
- Ujavya Sondechya Bahulya (Marathi Novel)
- Khwab Sarab (Urdu novel)
- Bhool Satya (Assamese)



Anuradha Roy



Badri Narayan

OTHER SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARDS

- Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar:** Based on author's total contribution to children literature.
 - 2022 Award - **Ganesh Marandi** for **Hapan Mai** (book in Santhali)
- Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar:** Books published by an author of age of 35 and below.
 - 2022 Award - **Pawan Nalat** for **Mi Sandarbha Pokharatoy** (Marathi Poetry)



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Read more: [Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023](#)

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question:

Prelims:

Q. Consider the following statements: (2009)

1. The National School of Drama was set up by Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1959.
2. The highest honour conferred by the Sahitya Akademi on a writer is by electing him its Fellow.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (c)

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