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Kannada writer's autobiography wins Akademi Award

PRAKASH KUMAR
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Kudi Esaru, an autobiography of eminent writer and journalist Vijaya, has won the Sahitya Akademi Award for the year under the Kannada language category.

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor also won the prestigious award for his non-fiction in English, 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India'.

The Akademi on Wednesday announced the names of the winners of this year's Sahitya Akademi Awards. The award is conferred every year to acknowledge outstanding literary works in 23 languages of the country.

A total of seven books of poetry, four of the novel, six of short stories, three



Vijaya. TWITTER

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"The awards will be presented to the authors of the books at a special function to be held on February 25, 2020, at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters," the Akademi said in a press communique.

Joysree Goswami Mahanta won the award for her novel 'Chanakya'

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The award carries an engraved

in Assamese language, L Birmangol Singh Ei for 'Amadi Adungeigi Eethat' (Manipuri), Cho. Dharman for 'Sool' (Tamil) and Bandi Narayana Swamy for Septabhoomi (Telugu).

Under the short stories genre, Abdul Ahad Hajini won the award for his book in Kashmiri language, Tarun Kanti Mishra in Odia, Kirpal Kazak in Punjabi, Ramsawroop Kisan in Rajasthani, Kali Charan Hembram in Santhali and Ishwar Moorjani for his book in Sindhi language.

Shafey Kidwai, a faculty member of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), won the Sahitya Akademi Award for his book in Urdu, 'Sawaneh-E-Sir Syed: Ek Bazdeed,' a biography of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, an Islamic reformer and educationist, who had laid the foundation of the AMU.

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ನವದೆಹಲಿ:

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ಡಾ. ವಿಜಯಮ್ಮಗೆ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ

'ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು' ಆತ್ಮಚರಿತ್ರೆಗೆ ಒಲಿದು ಬಂದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸದ ತರೂರ್ ಆನ್ ಎರಾ ಆಫ್ ಡಾರ್ಕ್‌ನೆಸ್‌ಗೆ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ: 2019ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬುಧವಾರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾ. ವಿಜಯಾ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ. ವಿಜಯಾ ಅವರ ಆತ್ಮ ಚರಿತ್ರೆ 'ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು' ಕೃತಿಗೆ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸದ ತರೂರ್ ಅವರ 'ಆನ್ ಎರಾ ಆಫ್ ಡಾರ್ಕ್‌ನೆಸ್' ಕೃತಿಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯ ಗೌರವ ಪ್ರವಾಹಿದೆ. ವಿವಿಧ ಭಾಷೆಯ ಒಟ್ಟು 23 ಸಾಹಿತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. 23 ಭಾರತೀಯ ಭಾಷೆಗಳ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರರು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ವಿಜೇತರ ಹೆಸರುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ ಕಂಬಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.



ಬಹುಮುಖ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯ ಸಾಹಿತಿ

ಇಳಾದಿಂದ ಹೊಸ ತಲೆಮಾರಿನ ಲೇಖಕರ 200ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕೃತಿ ಪ್ರಕಟ

ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಕೊಡುವಾಗ ಅದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ತಜ್ಞರ ಸಮಿತಿ ರಚಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅವರು ನಾನಾ ಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಓದಿ, ವಿಮರ್ಶೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನನ್ನ 'ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು' ಕೃತಿಯನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಹೆಣ್ಣಿನ ಭಾವನೆ, ಅವಳ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಅರ್ಥವಾಗಿದೆ. ಧನ್ಯವಾದ.

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಕನ್ನಡ ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ, ಪತ್ರಿಕೋದ್ಯಮ, ಪ್ರಕಾಶನ, ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರ ಹೀಗೆ ನಾನಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಕ್ರಿಯವಾಗಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಲೋಕವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಡಾ| ವಿಜಯಾ. ಎಲ್ಲರ ಪಾಲಿಗೆ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯ ವಿಜಯಮ್ಮ ಎಂದೇ ಪರಿಚಿತರು. 'ಇಳಾ' ಎನ್ನುವ ಪ್ರಕಾಶನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಅದರ ಮೂಲಕ ಹೊಸ ತಲೆಮಾರಿನ ಲೇಖಕರ ಸುಮಾರು 200ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮೌಲಿಕ ಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಜಯಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಬಗೆಯ ರಂಗಪ್ರಯೋಗಗಳು ಆಗುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಇವರ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಅಪಾರ. 1942ರ ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 10ರಂದು ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಿಸಿದ ವಿಜಯಾ ಅವರ ತಂದೆ ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ, ತಾಯಿ ಸರೋಜಾ. ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ, ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆಯ ಅಮರಾವತಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ ಇವರು 'ಶ್ರೀರಂಗರ ನಾಟಕಗಳು: ಒಂದು ಅಧ್ಯಯನ' ಕುರಿತು ಪ್ರೌಢ ಪ್ರಬಂಧ ಮಂಡಿಸಿ ಪಿಎಚ್‌ಡಿ ಪದವಿ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸೇರಿ ಅನೇಕ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಂದಿವೆ.

വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർക്കും ശശി തരൂരിനും കേന്ദ്ര സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം

ന്യൂഡൽഹി ▶ പ്രശസ്ത എഴുത്തുകാരനും എം.പി. യുമായ ശശി തരൂരിനും കവി വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർക്കും കേന്ദ്രസാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി അവാർഡ്. ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് വിഭാഗത്തിലാണ് തരൂരിനു ബഹുമതി. ലക്ഷ്യരൂപയുടെ പുരസ്കാരം ഫെബ്രുവരി 25-നു സമ്മാനിക്കും.

മധുസൂദനൻ നായരുടെ 'അച്ഛൻ പിറന്ന വീട്' എന്ന കവിതാസമാഹാരത്തിനും ശശി തരൂരിന്റെ 'ആൻ ഇറ ഓഫ് ഡാർക്നെസ്' എന്ന ലേഖനസമാഹാരത്തിനുമാണ് പുരസ്കാരങ്ങൾ.

മലയാളത്തിനുള്ള പുരസ്കാരം നിശ്ചയിച്ചത് എൻ.എസ്. മാധവൻ, ചന്ദ്രമതി, എം. തോമസ് മാത്യു എന്നിവരടങ്ങിയ സമിതിയാണ്. കെ. സച്ചിദാനന്ദൻ, ജി.എൻ. ദേവി, ശകുന്ത ചൗധരി എന്നിവരടങ്ങിയ സമിതിയാണ് ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് പുസ്തകം തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തത്.



ശശി തരൂർ



വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർ

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തിരുവനന്തപുരം ▶ രാജ്യത്തെ വീണ്ടും ഇരുണ്ടകാലത്തേക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോകരുതെന്ന് ശശി തരൂർ എം.പി. സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിനു മുമ്പുള്ള ഇരുണ്ടകാലത്തേക്കുറിച്ച് എഴുതിയതിനാണ് കേന്ദ്ര സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം ലഭിച്ചത്. എന്നാലിപ്പോൾ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ സ്ഥിതി വിലയിരുത്തുമ്പോൾ, സർവകലാശാലകളിലെ കുട്ടികളുടെ പ്രതിഷേധവും കറച്ചിലും കാണുമ്പോൾ രാജ്യത്തെ ഇരുണ്ടകാലത്തേക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോകരുതെന്നു പറയാനുള്ളൂ.

അവാർഡ് വലിയ അംഗീകാരമായാണു കാണുന്നത്. ഇത് സാഹിത്യസമാജത്തിന്റെ അവാർഡായാണ് കാണുന്നത്. അവാർഡ് കിട്ടിയതിൽ സന്തോഷമുണ്ടെന്നും തരൂർ പറഞ്ഞു.

അവാർഡ് 'അച്ഛൻ പിറന്ന വീടിന്'

ന്യൂഡൽഹി ▶ പറയിപെറ്റ പന്തിരുകുലത്തിന്റെ ആത്മതത്വം

വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയ 'നാറാണത്തു ഭ്രാന്തൻ' എന്ന കവിതയിലൂടെയാണ് വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർ മലയാളിക്ക് പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവനായത്. 'അച്ഛൻ പിറന്ന വീട്' എന്ന കവിതാസമാഹാരത്തിനാണ് ഇത്തവണ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ തേടി പുരസ്കാരം എത്തിയത്. നെയ്യാറ്റിൻകര സ്വദേശിയാണ്. ഭാഷാ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിലും ചില പത്രസ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിലും പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു. പിന്നീട് തിരുവനന്തപുരം സെയ്ന്റ്സേവ്യർസ് കോളേജിൽ അധ്യാപകനായി. ഭാര്യ: എസ്. മാലതീദേവി. മക്കൾ: രശ്മി, രമ്യ, വിഷ്ണു.

23 ഭാഷകളിലെ എഴുത്തുകാർക്കാണ് പുരസ്കാരം പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചത്. തമിഴിൽനിന്ന് ചോ.ധർമന്റെ 'ശൂൽ' എന്ന നോവലിനാണ് പുരസ്കാരം. കന്നഡയിൽനിന്ന് വിജയയുടെ ആത്മകഥ 'കുഡി എസറു'വും മറാഠിയിൽനിന്ന് അനുരാധാ പാട്ടിലിന്റെ കവിതാ സമാഹാരം 'കദാചിത് അജ്ഞാപി'യും പുരസ്കാരത്തിന്റഹമായി.



മധുസൂദനൻ നായർക്കും ശശി തരൂരിനും കേന്ദ്രസാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം

മനോരമ ലേഖകൻ

ന്യൂഡൽഹി • കവി വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർക്കും എഴുത്തുകാരനും ലോക്സഭാംഗവുമായ ശശി തരൂരിനും കേന്ദ്ര സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം (ഒരു ലക്ഷം രൂപ).

മധുസൂദനൻ നായരുടെ 'അച്ഛൻ പിറന്ന വീട്' എന്ന കാവ്യസമാഹാരത്തിനു മലയാളം ഭാഷാ വിഭാഗത്തിലും തരൂരിന്റെ 'ആൻ ഇറ ഓഫ് ഡാർക്നസ്: ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് എംപയർ ഇൻ ഇന്ത്യ' ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് വിഭാഗത്തിലുമാണ് തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ടത്.

മണ്ണും വെള്ളവും ആകാശവും അന്യമായ നഗരത്തിൽ കഴിയുന്ന അച്ഛനും മകളുമാണ് 'അച്ഛൻ പിറന്ന വീട്' എന്ന കവിതയിലെ പ്രമേയം. ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് കോളനിവാഴ്ചയ്ക്കിടയിലെ ഇന്ത്യൻ അനുഭവങ്ങളുടെ സു



വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർ

ക്ഷ്മ ചരിത്രപഠനമാണ് തരൂരിന്റെ പുസ്തകം. ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് കോളനി വാഴ്ച ഇന്ത്യയ്ക്കു ഗുണം ചെയ്തെന്ന വാദങ്ങളെ പുസ്തകം നിരാകരിക്കുന്നു.

2020 ഫെബ്രുവരി 25ന് അക്കാദമി ഡൽഹിയിൽ നടത്തുന്ന അക്ഷരോത്സവത്തിൽ പുരസ്കാരം



ശശി തരൂർ

സമ്മാനിക്കും. ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് അടക്കം 23 ഭാഷകളിലാണ് അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചത്.

എന്റെ കേരളം

'ഇരുണ്ട യുഗത്തിലേക്ക് തിരിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോകരുത്'

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಸುದ್ದಿ

ಲೇಖಕಿ ವಿಜಯಾಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ

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ಬುಧವಾರ



ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಹಿರಿಯ ಲೇಖಕಿ ವಿಜಯಾ ಅವರ ಆತ್ಮಕಥನ 'ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು' ಕೃತಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ.

ಶಶಿ ತರೂರ್‌ಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ: ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಹಿರಿಯ ನಾಯಕ, ಲೇಖಕ ಶಶಿ ತರೂರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕವಿ, ನಾಟಕಕಾರ ನಂದ ಕಿಶೋರ್ ಆಚಾರ್ಯ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ವಿವಿಧ ಭಾಷೆಗಳ 23 ಲೇಖಕರು 2019ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಭಾಜ-

ನರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.ಶಶಿ ತರೂರ್ ಅವರ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ ಕೃತಿ 'ಆನ್ ಎರಾ ಆಫ್ ಡಾರ್ಕ್‌ನೆಸ್' ಮತ್ತು ನಂದ ಕಿಶೋರ್ ಆಚಾರ್ಯ ಅವರ ಹಿಂದಿ ಕವನ ಸಂಕಲನ 'ಛೇಲಾತೆ ಹುಯೆ ಅಪ್ನೆ ಕೊ' ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿವೆ.

ಬುಧವಾರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

Tharoor wins Akademi's 2019 award for English

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The Sahitya Akademi on Wednesday announced its annual literary awards for 2019 for works in 23 languages, including one for Shashi Tharoor's non-fiction book about British rule in India.

The Akademi announced that it would honour seven books of poetry, four novels, six books of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography. The award, including ₹1 lakh in cash, would be presented at a ceremony on February 25, 2020, the Akademi said in a statement.

'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India' by Mr. Tharoor, who is a Congress MP, was selected in the English category.

The awards honour works of poetry by Dr. Phukan Ch. Basumatry (Bodo), Dr. Nand Kishore Acharya (Hindi), Nilba A. Khandekar (Konkani), Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V. Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi) and Prof. Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

Novels by Dr. Joysree Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), L. Birmangol Singh (Manipuri), Cho. Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Narayana Swamy (Telugu) were also among the winners.

Books of short stories by Abdul Ahad Hajini (Kashmiri), Tarun Kanti Mishra (Odia), Kirpal Kazak (Punjabi), Ramsawroop Kisan (Rajasthani), Kali Charan Hembram (Santali) and Ishwar Moorjani (Sindhi), an autobiography by Dr. Vijaya (Kannada) and a biography by Prof. Shafey Kidwai (Urdu) were also among the winners.

ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು ಕೃತಿಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯು 2019ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಹಿರಿಯ ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತೆ ಡಾ. ವಿಜಯಾ ಅವರ 'ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು' ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಗರಿ ಮೂಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕನ್ನಡ ನೇರಿದಂತೆ 23 ಭಾರತೀಯ ಭಾಷೆಯ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿವೆ. ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯು ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ. ನಗದು ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಮರಣಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿದೆ. 2020ರ ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 25ರಂದು ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಸದಿಲ್ಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರದಾನ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಮೂವರು ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಾಹಿತಿಗಳಾದ ಡಾ. ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣರಾವ್, ಡಾ. ನಾ. ದಾಮೋದರ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಡಾ. ಲತಾ ಗುತ್ತಿ ಅವರು ಕನ್ನಡದ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರು.

ಡಾ. ವಿಜಯಾ ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಅತ್ಯಂತ 'ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು' ಕೃತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮನದ ತಳಮಳಗಳನ್ನು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಭಾವುಕವಾಗಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಕೃತಿ ಓದುಗರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಸಂವೇದನೆಯನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಸಂವೇದನೆಯಿಂದ ಹುಟ್ಟುವ ಅರಿವು ಮನುಷ್ಯತ್ವದೊಡನೆ ಕೊಂಡೊಯ್ಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವಿಜಯಮ್ಮ ಬರೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.



ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

-ಡಾ. ವಿಜಯಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕೃತರು

'ಕುದಿ ಎಸರು' ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ನೋವು ಎಂದು ಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನನ್ನ ಹಾಗೆ ನೋವುಂಡ ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪರವಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಈ

ಶಶಿ ತರೂರ್ ಕೃತಿಗೂ ಸಂದ ಗೌರವ

ಹೊಸದಿಲ್ಲಿ: ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಸಂಸದ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೇಖಕಿ ಶಶಿ ತರೂರ್‌ಗೂ 2019ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಲಭಿಸಿದೆ. ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಸಂಸದರೂ ಆಗಿರುವ ತರೂರ್ ಅವರ ಅಂಗ್ಲ ಕೃತಿ 'ಎನ್ ಎರಾ ಆಫ್ ಡಾರ್ಕ್‌ನೆಸ್'ಗೆ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಸಂದಿದೆ. ನಾಟಕಕಾರ ನಂದ ಕಿಶೋರ್ ಆಚಾರ್ಯ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 23 ಲೇಖಕರು ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನೀಲವಾ ಎ. ಖಂಡೇಕರ್ ಕೊಂಕಣ ಭಾಷೆಯ 'ದಿ ವರ್ಡ್ಸ್' ಕವನ ಸಂಕಲನವೂ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. "23 ಭಾಷೆಗಳ ಜ್ಯೂರಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕೃತಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿವಾರಿಸು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಡಾ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ ಕಂಬಾರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬುಧವಾರ ನಡೆದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಿಮ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ," ಎಂದು ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಕೆ. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ರಾವ್ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.



বাংলায় অকাদেমি পেলেন চিন্ময় গুহ

নয়াদিল্লি, ১৮ ডিসেম্বর: এ বছর বাংলায় সাহিত্য অকাদেমি পুরস্কার পাচ্ছেন অধ্যাপক, প্রাবন্ধিক ও অনুবাদক চিন্ময় গুহ। তাঁর প্রবন্ধের বই 'ঘুমের দরজা ঠেলে'র জন্য এই পুরস্কার পাচ্ছেন তিনি। বাংলা-সহ মোট ২৩টি ভারতীয় ভাষার লেখকদের পুরস্কৃত করছে সাহিত্য অকাদেমি। আজ সংস্থার এক বিবৃতিতে জানানো হয়েছে, ২৫ ফেব্রুয়ারি দিল্লিতে পুরস্কার তুলে দেওয়া হবে প্রাপকদের হাতে।

এর আগে পশ্চিমবঙ্গ সরকারের বিদ্যাসাগর পুরস্কার, লীলা রায় পুরস্কার, ডিরোজিও দ্বিশতবার্ষিকী পুরস্কার এবং পশ্চিমবঙ্গ বাংলা অকাদেমি পুরস্কার পেয়েছেন চিন্ময়। 'দেশ' ও 'বইয়ের দেশ' পত্রিকার গ্রন্থ-সমালোচনার সম্পাদনা করেছেন এক দশক। কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ইংরেজি সাহিত্যের অধ্যাপক চিন্ময়



গুহের ফরাসি ভাষায় ব্যুৎপত্তি সুবিদিত। ফ্রান্সের শিক্ষা ও সংস্কৃতি দফতর তাঁকে ২০১০ ও ২০১৩ সালে যথাক্রমে 'অর্ডার অব অ্যাকাডেমিক পাম' এবং 'অর্ডার অব আর্টস অ্যান্ড লেটার্স' সম্মানে ভূষিত করেছিল। এ বছর ফরাসি সরকারের অন্যতম শীর্ষ সম্মান 'ন্যাশনাল অর্ডার অব মেরিট'ও পেয়েছেন তিনি।

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পুরস্কৃত প্রাক্তন আসু নেত্রী জয়শ্রীও

গুয়াহাটি, ১৮ ডিসেম্বর: তাঁর 'চাণক্য' উপন্যাসের জন্য অসমিয়া সাহিত্যিক জয়শ্রী গোস্বামী মহন্ত সাহিত্য অকাদেমি পুরস্কার পেলেন। জয়শ্রীদেবী প্রাক্তন মুখ্যমন্ত্রী তথা সংশোধনী নাগরিকত্ব আইনের প্রবল বিরোধী অগপ নেতা তথা প্রাক্তন মুখ্যমন্ত্রী প্রফুল্ল মহন্তের

স্ত্রী। তিনি নিজেও আসুর দীর্ঘ আন্দোলনের অন্যতম নেত্রী ছিলেন। আজ পুরস্কারের খবর পেয়ে তিনি বলেন, "এই দুর্দিনে অসমিয়া সাহিত্যপ্রেমীদের জন্য খবরটা আশার আলো আনল। অত্যাচারী শাসকের বিরুদ্ধে आमজনতার সংগ্রাম, জয় ও গণতন্ত্রের শাসন প্রতিষ্ঠাই আমার

এই উপন্যাসের প্রেক্ষাপট।" তবে পুরস্কারের খবরেও তিনি মন থেকে আনন্দ পাচ্ছেন না বলে জানান। তাঁর বক্তব্য, "আমার সন্তানের থেকেও ছোট ছেলেরা আজ অসমের জন্য গুলি খেয়ে মরেছে। পুরস্কারের অর্থমূল্য আন্দোলনে নিহতদের পরিবারের হাতে তুলে দেব।" নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা

জল্পনা উস্কে শশীর ইতিহাসকে সাহিত্য অকাদেমি

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদন

১৮ ডিসেম্বর: তিনি কংগ্রেস সাংসদ। 'হোয়াই আই অ্যাম আ হিন্দু' বা 'দ্য প্যারাডক্সিক্যাল প্রাইম মিনিস্টার'-এর মতো বইয়ের লেখক। সেই সমস্ত বইয়ে বিজেপি শিবির তথা নরেন্দ্র মোদীকে যথেষ্ট খোঁচাই দিয়েছেন। এ হেন শশী তারুনের নামই সাহিত্য অকাদেমি পুরস্কারের অন্যতম প্রাপক হিসেবে ঘোষণা হল আজ। এবং তার পর থেকেই চর্চা শুরু হল— তবে কি মোদী সরকার এতটাই পরমতসহিষ্ণু হয়ে উঠছে?

'অ্যান এরা অব ডার্কনেস: দ্য

ব্রিটিশ এম্পায়ার ইন ইন্ডিয়া'— এই বইটির লেখক হিসেবে 'সৃষ্টিশীল নিবন্ধমূলক ইংরেজি গ্রন্থ' বিভাগে সাহিত্য অকাদেমি পুরস্কার পাচ্ছেন তিরুঅনন্তপুরমের কংগ্রেস সাংসদ শশী। ভারতে ব্রিটিশ শাসনের প্রভাব নিয়ে তাঁর এই বই। পুরস্কারের প্রাপকেরা পাবেন তাম্রফলক, শাল এবং এক লক্ষ টাকা।

মোদীর আমলে অসহিষ্ণুতার বাড়বাড়ন্তের অভিযোগ তুলে সাহিত্য অকাদেমি পুরস্কার ফিরিয়েছিলেন বহু বিশিষ্ট লেখক। আজ শশী কিন্তু বলেছেন, "পুরস্কার প্রত্যাখ্যান করার প্রশ্নই নেই। বরং অন্য লেখকেরা যখন



এই পুরস্কার ফেরাচ্ছিলেন, আমি বারণ করেছিলাম। এটা সাহিত্য-জীবনের স্বীকৃতি। এর সঙ্গে সরকারের কোনও সম্পর্ক নেই।" শশীর সঙ্গেই সাহিত্য অকাদেমি পেয়েছেন অসমিয়া সাহিত্যিক তথা অগপ নেতা প্রফুল্ল

মহন্তের স্ত্রী জয়শ্রী গোস্বামী মহন্ত। নাগরিকত্ব আইনের তীব্র বিরোধিতা করছেন প্রফুল্লবাবু। জয়শ্রীদেবী আজ বলেছেন, "মন থেকে আনন্দ পাচ্ছি না। আমার সন্তানের থেকেও ছোট ছেলেরা গুলি খেয়ে মরেছে।"

রাজনৈতিক শিবিরের একাংশের প্রশ্ন, এই পুরস্কার কি বিজেপির তরফে শশীকে কোনও বার্তা? কারণ, শশীর মতো যারা কেরলের মূল শ্রোতের কংগ্রেসি রাজনীতিক নন, তাঁদের কাছে টানার চেষ্টা বেশ কিছু দিন ধরে চালিয়ে যাচ্ছে বিজেপি। আর শশী 'দ্য প্যারাডক্সিক্যাল প্রাইম মিনিস্টার' লিখলেও সাম্প্রতিক অতীতে এই

কথাও বলেছেন যে, সব কিছুর জন্য মোদীকে দায়ী করা অনুচিত। এই সব থেকেই অন্য সমীকরণ খুঁজছেন কেউ কেউ। তাঁরা মনে করছেন, সাহিত্য অকাদেমির বর্তমান সভাপতি, কন্নড় কবি চন্দ্রশেখর কব্বর ওই পদে এসেছেন মোদীর আমলেই।

সাহিত্য অকাদেমি সূত্রের বক্তব্য, প্রতিটি ভাষার পুরস্কারের ক্ষেত্রে তিন জন করে শিক্ষাবিদকে নিয়ে জুরি বোর্ড তৈরি করা হয়েছিল। তাঁরাই পুরস্কার প্রাপককে নির্বাচিত করেছেন। বিচারকদের বিচক্ষণতা নিয়ে প্রশ্ন তোলায় জায়গাই নেই। শশী নিজেও লেখক হিসেবে সমাদৃত।

কলকাতা বৃহস্পতিবার ১৯ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৯

» সাহিত্য অকাদেমি পুরস্কার খারুকে

এ বছর সাহিত্য অকাদেমি সম্মান পাচ্ছেন শশী খারুকে। কংগ্রেস সাংসদ ও প্রাক্তন কূটনীতিক শশী সাহিত্যিক হিসেবেও সুবিদিত। পাঠক মহলে সমাদৃত তাঁর লেখা 'রায়ট', 'দ্য গ্রেট ইন্ডিয়ান নভেল'। ইংরেজিতে নন-ফিকশন বিভাগে পুরস্কার পাচ্ছেন তাঁর 'অ্যান এরা অফ ডার্কনেস: দ্য ব্রিটিশ এম্পায়ার ইন ইন্ডিয়া' বইয়ের সুবাদে। ২৫ ফেব্রুয়ারি তাঁকে সাহিত্য অকাদেমি সম্মান প্রদান করা হবে। পুরস্কারের অর্থ ১ লক্ষ টাকা। বাংলায় চিন্ময় গুহ পুরস্কৃত হচ্ছেন 'ঘুমের দরজা ঠেলে' প্রবন্ধগ্রন্থের জন্য।

Tharoor and 22 others to get Akademi Award 2019

New Delhi: Politician-writer



Shashi Tharoor and playwright Nand Kishore

Acharya are among 23 writers chosen for the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award 2019.

The national academy of letters announced the names of the winners on Wednesday.

While Tharoor won the award for his book 'An Era of Darkness' in English, Acharya will receive the recognition for his book of Hindi poetry, 'Chheelatey Hue Apne Ko'.

"The awards were recommended by distinguished jury members representing 23 Indian languages and approved by the executive board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today (Wednesday) under the chairmanship of Chandrashekhara Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi," K Sreenivasarao, secretary of the Akademi, said.

Seven poets will be given the award — Phukan Ch Basumatary (Bodo), Acharya (Hindi), Niba A Khandekar (Konkani), Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi), and Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit). Joysree Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), L Birmangol Singh (Manipuri), Cho Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Narayan Swami (Telugu) will receive it for their novels.

Six authors will get the recognition in the short story category — Abdul Ahad Hajini (Kashmiri), Tarun Kanti Mishra (Odia), Kripal Kazak (Punjabi), Ramswaroop Kisan (Rajasthani), Kali Charan Hembram (Santali) and Ishwar Moorjani (Sindhi). Tharoor (English), Vijaya (Kannada) and Shafey Kidwai (Urdu) have won the award for their work on creative non-fiction, autobiography and biography respectively. Three books of essays by Chinmoy Guha (Bengali), Om Sharma Jandriari (Dogri), and Ratilal Borisagar (Gujarati) were also named. PTI

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■ ଓଡ଼ିଆ କ୍ଷୁଦ୍ରଗଳ୍ପ 'ଭାସ୍ୱତୀ' ପାଇଁ ପୂର୍ବତନ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଶାସନ ସଚିବ, ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠ ଲେଖକ ତରୁଣକାନ୍ତି ମିଶ୍ର ପାଇବେ ସମ୍ମାନଜଳକ ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଏକାଡେମୀ ପୁରସ୍କାର । ଏ ନେଇ ଏକାଡେମୀ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ବୁଧବାର ବିଧିବଦ୍ଧଭାବେ ଘୋଷଣା ହୋଇଛି ।

ଏକାଡେମୀର ସଭାପତି ଡ. ରତ୍ନଶେଖର କମରାଜ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷତାରେ ନୂଆଦିଲ୍ଲୀରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ବୈଠକରେ ମୋଟ ୨୩ଟି ଭାଷାରେ ପୁରସ୍କାର ପ୍ରଦାନ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଚୂଡ଼ାନ୍ତ ହୋଇଛି ।

ସେଥିମଧ୍ୟରୁ ୭ଟି କବିତା ସଂକଳନ, ୪ ଉପନ୍ୟାସ, ୬ କ୍ଷୁଦ୍ରଗଳ୍ପ, ୩ ପ୍ରବନ୍ଧ, ଗୋଟିଏ ଲେଖାଏଁ ନନ୍ଦ ପିଙ୍କନ୍, ଆତ୍ମଜୀବନୀ, ଜୀବନାଗ୍ରହ ପ୍ରଭୃତି ରହିଛି । ଏହି ପୁରସ୍କାର ମନୋନୟନ ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରତିଟି ଭାଷାରେ ଗଞ୍ଜଣ କରି କୁରି ସଦସ୍ୟ ରହିଥିଲେ । ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା କମିଟିରେ ଡ. ମାଳବିକା ରାୟ, ଡ. ଫନା ମହାନ୍ତି ଓ ଡ. ପ୍ରଫୁଲ୍ଲ କୁମାର ମହାନ୍ତି ଥିଲେ । ଏହି ପୁରସ୍କାର ୨୦୨୦ ଫେବୃଆରି ୨୫ରେ ନୂଆଦିଲ୍ଲୀଠାରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହେବ । ବିଜେତାଙ୍କୁ ୧ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କାର ନଗଦ ରାଶି ସହିତ ଏକାଡେମୀ ପୁରସ୍କାର ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯିବ ବୋଲି ସୂଚନା ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଜିଲ୍ଲୀରେ ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ୨, ୧୯୫୦ରେ ଶ୍ରୀ ମିଶ୍ରଙ୍କ ଜନ୍ମ ।

କ୍ଷୁଦ୍ରଗଳ୍ପ ସଙ୍କଳନ 'ଭାସ୍ୱତୀ' ମନୋନୀତ

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ସେ ପୁରୀ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସ୍କୁଲ, କଟକର ପି.ଏମ ଏକାଡେମୀରୁ ଶିକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ହୋଇ ବିଜ୍ଞେବି କଲେଜ, ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରୁ ଗ୍ରାଜୁଏସନ୍ ଓ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ ଅର୍ଥନୀତିରେ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର ସମାପ୍ତ କରିଥିଲେ । ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଯୁନିଭର୍ସିଟି ଅଫ୍ ଆଞ୍ଚିଲାରୁ ଏମ୍.ଏ ଡିଗ୍ରୀ ହାସଲ କରିଥିଲେ । ପ୍ରାୟ ୨୦୦ କ୍ଷୁଦ୍ରଗଳ୍ପର ସୃଷ୍ଟି ଶ୍ରୀ ମିଶ୍ର ୧୯୬୫ ବ୍ୟାବ୍ଦର ଆଇ.ଏଏସ୍ ଅଧିକାରୀ । ସେ ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଶାସନ ସଚିବଭାବେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରି ଅବସର ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିଥିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କର ପ୍ରଥମ ଗଳ୍ପ 'ହେ ପୃଥିବୀର ନାଗରିକ' 'ଆସନ୍ତାକାଲି' ପତ୍ରିକାରେ ପ୍ରକାଶିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ତାଙ୍କର ଅନନ୍ୟ ସୃଷ୍ଟି ମଧ୍ୟରେ - ନିଃସଙ୍ଗତାର ସ୍ୱର, କୋମଳ ଗାନ୍ଧାର, ଜଣେ ନିରସ୍ର ଆତତାୟୀ, ବାଟଂଶ, ପ୍ରଜାପତିର ତେଣା ନାହିଁ, ଆକାଶ ସେତୁ, ଆଜି ରାତିର ଗଳ୍ପ, କେହି ଜଣେ ଏକା ଏକା ପ୍ରଭୃତି ଅନ୍ୟତମ । ତାଙ୍କର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସୃଷ୍ଟି ହିନ୍ଦୀ, ବଙ୍ଗଳା, ଇଂରାଜୀ, ଉର୍ଦ୍ଦୁ, ମାଲୟାଲାମ, ତେଲୁଗୁ, ମରାଠୀ, ଗୁଜରାଟୀ ପ୍ରଭୃତି ଭାଷାରେ ଅନୁଦିତ ହୋଇ ପାଠକାଞ୍ଚ ଆଦୃତି ଲାଭ କରିଛି । ସାରସ୍ୱତ ସାଧନା ପାଇଁ ସେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଏକାଡେମୀ, ଶାରଳା ସମ୍ମାନ ପ୍ରଭୃତି ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି ।

ଶ୍ରୀ ମିଶ୍ର କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଏକାଡେମୀ ପୁରସ୍କାର ନିମନ୍ତେ ମନୋନୀତ ହୋଇଥିବାରୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସାରସ୍ୱତ ଜଗତ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ତାଙ୍କୁ ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା ଜଣାଯାଇଛି ।

Shashi Tharoor among 23 chosen for Sahitya Akademi Award 2019

New Delhi: Politician-writer Shashi Tharoor and playwright Nand Kishore Acharya are among 23 writers chosen for the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award 2019.

The national academy of letters announced names of the winners on Wednesday.

Tharoor won the award for his book "An Era of Darkness" in English. Acharya will receive the recognition for his book, "Chhodaya Huo Apne Ko".

"The awards were recommended by distinguished jury members representing 23 Indian languages and approved board which met today under the Chairmanship

It's an honour for me & Marathwada: Patil

Commoners' lives and issues inspire and intrigue me and I get compelled to pen down my feelings, said poet Anuradha Patil, the winner of Sahitya Akademi award 2019 for Marathi language, here on Wednesday. "Our literature has a tradition of over 700 years. We have the list of illustrious poets who have carved niche for themselves. Despite such glorious past, I often worry that whether we contemporary poets are taking this legacy forward or backward and the award is a solace to me," she said. Patil, 66, said that the award in a way would dispel different ill-notions associated with Marathwada. "I feel proud that I hail from Marathwada. The award for me is an honour for my region also," she said.



of Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi," K Sreenivasarao, secretary of the Akademi, said.

Seven poets will be given the award — Phukan Ch. Basumatary (Bodo), Nand Kishore Acharya (Hindi), Nilba A Khandekar (Konkani), Ku-

mar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi), and Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

Joysee Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), L. Hirmangol Singh (Manipuri), Cho Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Na-

rayan Swami (Telugu) will receive the award.

Six authors will get the recognition in short story category — Abdul Ahad Hajini (Kashmiri), Tarun Kand Mishra (Odia), Kripal Kazak (Punjabi), Ramswaroop Kisan (Rajasthani), Kall Charan Hembram (Santali), and Ishwar Moorjani (Sindhi). Shashi Tharoor (English), Vijaya (Kannada) and Shafiq Kidwai (Urdu) have won the award for their work on creative non-fiction, autobiography and biography respectively. Three books of essay by Chinmoy Guha (Bengali), Om Sharma Jandriari (Dogri), and Ratilal Borisagar (Gujarati) were also named for the award.

The ceremony will take place on February 25. AGENIES

Sool fetches Cho Dharman Sahitya Akademi award

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At 66, Cho Dharman leads a solitary life in Kovilpatti town in the southern coastal Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu, fruitfully spending his mornings writing from a small, unswept room on the upper floor of his house, and afternoons by the edge of a pond, with a fishing rod of his own making.

His third novel *Sool*, won



Cho Dharman

this Tamil writer the much coveted Sahitya Akademi Award for 2019.

The novel *Sool*, published in 2016, laments the sorry state of thousands of water bodies that the state inherited at Independence.

He not only bemoans the ecological destruction but also documents 64 birds of the region threatened by change.

His first novel: *Thurvai* (Wasting Away), was published in 1996 and his second novel: *Koogai* (2005), translated as *The Owl* by Vasantha Surya (Oxford) in 2015, has a monolithic

● **Shashi Tharoor wins Sahitya Akademi award 2019 for *An era of darkness***

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immensity rivalled by a few other feats of Dalit writing in Tamil. Though a Pallar, Dharman has never identified himself as a Dalit writer, but as a creator who

bonds with his characters before deciding their fate.

"Dharman is different from the other Dalit writers in the sense that he does not hesitate to speak well of the upper caste when they happen to lend a helping hand. *Koogai* was much criticised by fellow Dalits because it has a Brahmin character who is helpful," Vaasanthi, a writer and editor, who was instrumental in publishing several stories of his in a Tamil weekly, had told a magazine. ■ P2

Dharman writes on culture and history around environment

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Dharman does not merely write on birds and ponds, but also of the cultures and the histories that enliven the environment around him. He chronicles the life in the karisal or dry black soil lands of taluks from Thoothukudi, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram districts that are devoid of rivers or streams.

Novels by Dr. Joysree

Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), L. Birmangol Singh (Manipuri) and Bandi Narayana Swamy (Telugu) were among the other winners.

On Wednesday the Sahitya Akademi announced its annual literary awards for 2019 for works in 23 languages, including one for Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's non-fiction book: 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India,' in the English category.

No question of refusing Sahitya Akademi award: Shashi Tharoor

New Delhi, Dec 18: On winning the prestigious Sahitya Akademi award for his book 'An Era of Darkness' in a non-fiction category in English language, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday said that "there is no question of refusing the award."

Amid the political row over Citizenship Amendment Act, Shashi said, "Even when a few years ago when the eminent writer returned the awards, I was one of the few voices that telling them not to."

"Having urged them not to return the award there is no question of mine not accepting the award. I see no reason whatsoever to do so," he added.

He also said that Sahitya Akademi award is recognition of one's literary achievement and is nothing to do with government.

"It's actually our society and the literary community that honours the award. We all know what prestigious award this is and for me, it is a matter of great

Nand Kishore to get Sahitya Akademi

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"The awards were recommended by distinguished jury members representing 23 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of

pride," he added.

He also said that he was very touched and honoured by it.

"I know that a very emi-

Chandrashekar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi," K Sreenivasarao, Secretary of the Akademi, said in a statement.

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Joysree Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), L Birmangol Singh (Manipuri), Cho Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Narayan Swami (Telugu) will receive the award for their novels.

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nent jury was constituted to make this judgement. And the fact they found me worthy of this award is terribly gratifying." — PTI

சோ.தர்மனுக்கு சாகித்ய அகாதெமி விருது

நமது நிருபர்

புது தில்லி, டிச. 18: தமிழ் எழுத்தாளர் சோ.தர்மனுக்கு அவர் எழுதிய 'சூல்' நாவலுக்காக 2019-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான சாகித்ய அகாதெமி விருது அறிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

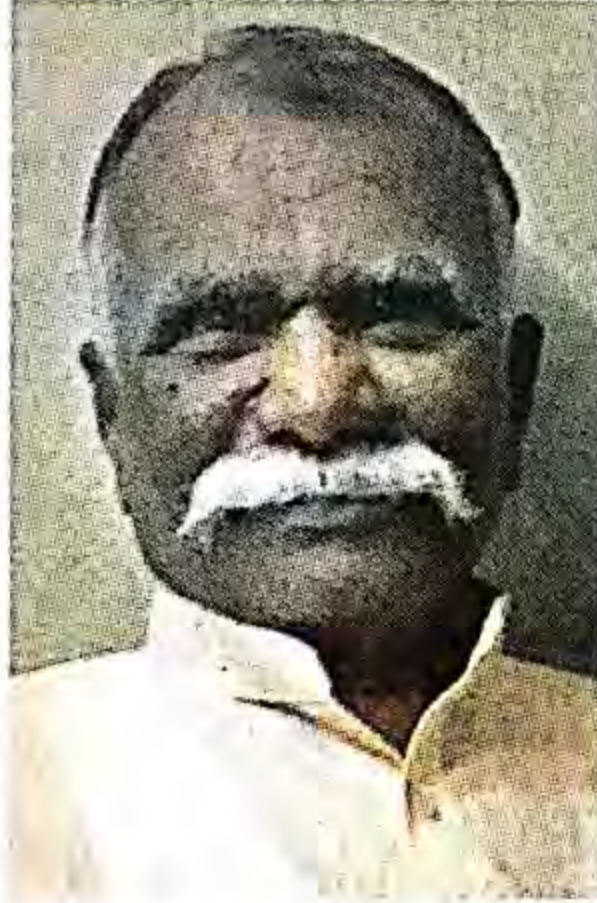
சாகித்ய அகாதெமி 23 மொழிகளுக்கான விருதை புதன்கிழமை அறிவித்தது. விருதுபெற்றவர்களுக்குபட்டயம், சால்வையுடன் ரூ.1 லட்சம் ரொக்கப் பரிசும் வழங்கப்படும்.

தில்லியில் 2020, பிப்ரவரி 25-ஆம் தேதி நடைபெறவுள்ள விழாவில் இந்த விருது வழங்கப்படவுள்ளது.

23 மொழிகளைச் சேர்ந்த சாகித்ய அகாதெமியின் நடுவர் குழு விருதுக்கானவர்களைத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்தது.

ஆங்கில மொழிக்கான விருது - பிரபல ஆங்கில எழுத்தாளரும் காங்கிரஸ் எம்.பி.யுமான சரிதாருக்கு அறிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

அவர் எழுதிய 'ஏன் எரா ஆஃப் பார்சனஸ்'



(AN ERA OF DARKNESS) என்ற நூலுக்கு இந்த விருது அறிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இந்தியாவை ஆட்சி செய்த கிழக்கிந்தியக் கம்பெனி, இந்தியாவின் வளங்களை எவ்வாறு சுரண்டியது என்பதை இந்த நூல் தெளிவாக விவரிக்கிறது.

ஹிந்தி மொழிக்கான விருது, புகழ்பெற்ற கவிஞரும் எழுத்தாளருமான நந்த் கிஷோர் ஆச்சார்யாவின் 'சில்லே ஹியு ஆப்னே கோ' என்ற கவிதை தொகுப்பிற்கு வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

தெலுங்கு மொழிக்கான

விருது - பந்தி நாராயண சாமி எழுதிய 'செப்தபூமி' என்ற நாவலுக்கும், மலையாள மொழிக்கான விருது - வி.மதுசூதனன் நாயர் எழுதிய 'அச்சன் பிராண வீடு' என்ற கவிதைத் தொகுப்புக்கும், கன்னட மொழிக்கான விருது - விஜயா என்ற எழுத்தாளர் எழுதிய 'குடி எசரு' என்ற சுயசரிதைப் புத்தகத்துக்கும் அறிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

'வாசிப்பு அனுபவமே சிறந்த படைப்பாளியாக்கும்'

கோவில்பட்டி, டிச. 18: வாசிப்பு அனுபவமே ஒருவரை சிறந்த படைப்பாளியாக ஆக்கும் என்று சாகித்ய அகாதெமி விருதுக்குத் தேர்வாகியுள்ள எழுத்தாளர் சோ. தர்மன் கூறினார்.

1947-ஆம் ஆண்டில் ஆங்கிலேயரிடமிருந்து சுதந்திரம் கிடைத்தபோது இங்கிருந்த 39, 640 கண்மாய்களின் இன்றைய நிலை என்ன என்பதை மையக்கருவாகக் கொண்டது இவர் எழுதிய 'சூல்' என்ற நாவல்.

இதுகுறித்து, கோவில்பட்டியில் செய்தி யாளர்களிடம் சோ. தர்மன் புதன்கிழமை கூறியது:

உலகில் முக்கியப் பிரச்சனை தண்ணீர் தான். இங்குள்ள கண்மாய்களின் இன்றைய நிலை குறித்து 'சூல்' நாவல் பேசுகிறது.

இந்த நாவலுக்கு பல்வேறு விருதுகள் கிடைத்துள்ளன. இப்போது மத்திய அரசின் அங்கீகாரம் கிடைத்திருப்பது மகிழ்ச்சியாக உள்ளது. இதனால், எனக்கு கடமைகள் அதிகரித்துள்ளன. இந்த விருதை, எனது உருளைகுடி கிராம மக்களுக்கு சமர்ப்பிக்கிறேன்.

1790-ஆம் ஆண்டிலிருந்து தற்போது வரை தென் மாவட்டங்களில் நடந்த முக்கிய விஷயங்களை மையப்படுத்தி இப்போது நாவல் எழுதி வருகிறேன். எழுத்தாளர் ஆக சிறப்புத் தகுதிகள் ஏதுமில்லை; எழுதப் படிக்க தெரிந்தால் போதும். தொடர்ந்து வாசிக்கும் அனுபவமே ஒருவரை சிறந்த படைப்பாளியாக ஆக்கும் என்றார் அவர்.

வாழ்க்கைக் குறிப்பு: தூத்துக்குடி மாவட்டம், கோவில்பட்டியை அடுத்த உருளைகுடி



கிராமத்தைச் சேர்ந்த இவர், 1953, ஆகஸ்ட் 8-இல் பிறந்தார். இயற்பெயர் சோ. தர்மராஜ். பெற்றோர் சோலையப்பன் - பொன்னுத்தாய். 1976-1996 வரை கோவில்பட்டியில் உள்ள நூற்பாலையில் வேலை பார்த்துள்ளார். இவருக்கு மாரியம்மாள் என்ற மனைவியும், வினோத் மாதவன், விஜய சீனிவாசன் என்ற 2 மகன்களும் உள்ளனர்.

எழுத்துப் பணி: கரிசல் வட்டார எழுத்தாளர் கி.ரா. என அழைக்கப்படும் கி. ராஜநாராயணனின் படைப்புகளால் ஈர்க்கப்பட்டு எழுத்துப் பணியைத் தொடங்கினார் சோ. தர்மன்.

2014-இல் வில்லிசைப் பற்றிய ஆய்வு நூல் எழுதியுள்ளார். 1992, 1994-ஆம் ஆண்டுகளுக்கான 'இலக்கியச் சிந்தனை' விருது, 1998-இல் மனோன்மனியம் சுந்தரனார் பல்கலைக்கழகம் சார்பில் வி.ஆர்.கிருஷ்ணய்யர் விருது, புதுவை இலக்கியத் தென்றல் விருது, 2000-ஆம் ஆண்டில் கனடா, டொரண்டோ பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் இலக்கியத் தோட்டம் விருது, 2004-இல் திருப்பூர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம் சார்பில் சிறந்த நாவலாசிரியர் விருது, 2005-இல் தமிழக அரசால் சிறந்த நாவலுக்கான விருது உள்பட பல்வேறு விருதுகளைப் பெற்றுள்ளார்.

இவரது படைப்புகள் பல்வேறு பல்கலைக்கழகங்களில் பாடமாக உள்ளன. இவரது படைப்புகள் பல மொழிகளில் மொழிபெயர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவரது படைப்புகளை ஆய்வு செய்து 62 பேர் எம்.ஃபில். பட்டமும், 43 பேர் பி.ஹெச்.டி. பட்டமும் பெற்றுள்ளனர்.



బండి నారాయణస్వామి

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అనంత రచయితకు
 కేంద్ర సాహితీ
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 'యాన్ ఎరా ఆఫ్ డార్క్నెస్'కు
 అవార్డు

అనంత రచయితకు కేంద్రసాహితీ పురస్కారం

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అనంత సాంస్కృతికం, న్యూస్టుడే: అనంత పురం సాహితీవేత్త బండి నారాయణస్వామి రచించిన నవల 'శప్తభూమి'కి 2019వ సంవత్సరానికి గాను కేంద్రసాహిత్య అకాడమీ పురస్కారం దక్కింది. రాయలసీమ వెనుకబాటు తనం, రైతుల అగచాట్లు, రాష్ట్ర విభజన ఉద్యమం నేపథ్యంగా ఈ రచన సాగుతుంది. 2017లో తానా నవలల పోటీలో ఉత్తమ బహు మతి సాధించింది. తానా 40వ వార్షికోత్సవాల సందర్భంగా అదే ఏడాది మే 28 నుంచి మూడు రోజులపాటు సెయింట్ లూయిస్ నగరంలో దీనిపై విస్తృతమైన చర్చ సాగింది.

నారాయణస్వామి ఇప్పటి వరకూ 40దాకా కథలు రాశారు. ఇందులో పెద్దకథ, రంకె, వీరగల్లు బాగా ప్రాచుర్యం పొందాయి. గద్దలాడతాండాలు, మీరాజ్యం మీరేలండి, రెండు కలల దేశం, నిసర్గం తదితర నవలలు రచించారు. రాయలసీమ సమాజం, సాహిత్యం అనే విమర్శ గ్రంథం రాశారు. ఆయన రచనల్లో రాయలసీమ ఆస్తిత్వ స్పృహ, మార్క్సిజం ఎక్కువగా చోటుచేసుకుంటుంది. అనంతపురంలోని పాతూరులో 1952 జూన్ 3న జన్మించిన స్వామి ఎంపీ తెలుగు అభ్యసించి, ప్రభుత్వ ఉన్నత సాగుకాలలో ఉపాధ్యాయునిగా పనిచేశారు. 2010లో పదవీ విరమణ పొందారు. కనాకోటి, ఆస్పాకోట్లూ - విష్ణుబొట్ల, కొలకలూరి, ఎన్టీఆర్ తదితర ప్రాంతాలను అందుకున్నారు.

రైతు కడుపునింపితేనే సీమకు వెలుగు

- బండి నారాయణస్వామి

తనకు కేంద్రసాహిత్య అవార్డు దక్కినట్లంటే బండి నారాయణస్వామి ఘర్షణ వ్యక్తం చేశారు. ఆయన 'న్యూస్టుడే'తో మాట్లాడుతూ.. "సీమలో పుట్టి ఉండకపోతే ఈ నవల రాసేవాడినే కాదు. సీమ ప్రాంతంలో 70 శాతం రైతులు ఉన్నారు. గత పదేళ్లుగా వర్షాలు కురవక నానా అగచాట్లు పడుతున్నారు. బాధ్యత కలిగిన రచయితగా నా రచనల్లో ఇదే అంశాన్ని ప్రస్తావిస్తున్నా. రాయల



శప్తభూమి పుస్తకంతో రచయిత బండి నారాయణ స్వామి

సీమ ప్రాంతానికి రాజదాని ఇచ్చినా, హైకోర్టు ఇచ్చినా సరిపోదు. పంట పండించి, కడుపు నింపే రైతు బాగుంటేనే ఈ ప్రాంతం బాగు పడుతుంది" అని అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు.



కన్నడ రచయిత్రి డాక్టర్ విజయకు అవార్డు

ఈనాడు డిజిటల్, బెంగళూరు: కన్నడ రచయిత్రి, పాత్రికేయురాలు డాక్టర్ విజయ రచించిన కృతి 'కుది ఎసరు'కు కేంద్ర సాహిత్య పురస్కారం లభించింది. డాక్టర్ విజయ తన ఆత్మకథకు ఇచ్చిన అక్షర రూపం 'కుది ఎసరు'. విజయ అనేక కన్నడ మాస, వారపత్రికలకు సంపాదకులుగా వ్యవహరించారు. నాటకం, విమర్శ రంగాల్లోనూ తన ప్రతిభను చాటారు.

శశిధరూర్ ఆంగ్ల రచనకూ..

దిల్లీ: రాజకీయనాయకుడు, రచయిత శశిధరూర్కు ఈ ఏడాది(2019)కి గాను ప్రతిష్టాత్మక సాహిత్య అకాడమీ పురస్కారం లభించింది. శశిధరూర్ ఆంగ్లంలో రాసిన 'యాన్ ఎరా ఆఫ్ డార్క్నెస్'కు కాలానిక సాహిత్యం విభాగంలో ఈ అవార్డును ప్రకటించారు. ఏబ్రవరి 25న నిర్వహించే కార్యక్రమంలో విజేతలకు రూ.లక్ష నగదుతో పాటు తామ్రపత్రం బహుకరిస్తారు.

- నవలల విభాగంలో తెలుగురచయిత బండి నారాయణస్వామితోపాటు జోయ్ శ్రీ గోస్వామి మహాంత(అస్సామీ), ఎల్.బిర్ మంగల్ సింగ్(మణిపురి), చో ధర్మన్ (తమిళం)లకు అవార్డులు లభించాయి.
- కవితల విభాగంలో ప్రముఖ రచయిత నందకిశోర్ ఆచార్య(హిందీ), పెన్ను మదు సూదన్(సంస్కృతం), అనురాధా పాటిల్(మరాఠీ), వి మదుసూదనన్ నాయర్(మలయాళం)సహా ఏడుగురు ఈ పురస్కారానికి ఎంపికయ్యారు.
- చిన్నకథల కేటగిరీలో... తరుణ్ కాంతి మిశ్ర(ఒడియా), కృపాల్ కజ్జక్(పంజాబీ), అబ్దుల్ అహ్మద్ హజిని(కశ్మీరీ) సహా ఆరుగురు పురస్కారానికి ఎంపికయ్యారు.
- స్వీయ జీవిత చరిత్ర విభాగంలో విజయ(కన్నడ), జీవితచరిత్రల కేటగిరీలో షఫే కిద్వాయ్(ఉర్దూ)లకు అవార్డులు లభించాయి.
- వ్యాస సంకలనాల విషయానికి వస్తే చిన్మయగుహ(బెంగాలీ), ఓంశర్మ జండ్రీ యారీ(డోగ్రీ), రణీలాల్ బోరిసాగర్(గుజరాతీ)లకు పురస్కారం దక్కింది.

മധുസൂദനൻ നായർക്കും ശശി തരൂരിനും കേന്ദ്രസാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം

മനോരമ ലേഖകൻ

ന്യൂഡൽഹി • കവി വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർക്കും എഴുത്തുകാരനും ലോക്സഭാംഗവുമായ ശശി തരൂരിനും കേന്ദ്ര സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം (ഒരു ലക്ഷം രൂപ).

മധുസൂദനൻ നായരുടെ 'അച്ഛൻ പിറന്ന വീട്' എന്ന കാവ്യസമാഹാരത്തിനു മലയാളം ഭാഷാ വിഭാഗത്തിലും തരൂരിന്റെ 'ആൻ ഇറ ഓഫ് ഡാർക്നസ്: ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് എംപയർ ഇൻ ഇന്ത്യ' ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് വിഭാഗത്തിലുമാണ് തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ടത്.

മണ്ണും വെള്ളവും ആകാശവും അന്യമായ നഗരത്തിൽ കഴിയുന്ന അച്ഛനും മകളുമാണ് 'അച്ഛൻ പിറന്ന വീട്' എന്ന കവിതയിലെ പ്രമേയം. ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് കോളനിവാഴ്ചയ്ക്കിടയിലെ ഇന്ത്യൻ അനുഭവങ്ങളുടെ സു



വി. മധുസൂദനൻ നായർ

ക്ഷ്മ ചരിത്രപഠനമാണ് തരൂരിന്റെ പുസ്തകം. ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് കോളനി വാഴ്ച ഇന്ത്യയ്ക്കു ഗുണം ചെയ്തെന്ന വാദങ്ങളെ പുസ്തകം നിരാകരിക്കുന്നു.

2020 ഫെബ്രുവരി 25ന് അക്കാദമി ഡൽഹിയിൽ നടത്തുന്ന അക്ഷരോത്സവത്തിൽ പുരസ്കാരം



ശശി തരൂർ

സമ്മാനിക്കും. ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് അടക്കം 23 ഭാഷകളിലാണ് അക്കാദമി പുരസ്കാരം പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചത്.



എന്റെ കേരളം

'ഇരുണ്ട യുഗത്തിലേക്ക് തിരിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോകരുത്'

Tharoor wins Akademi's 2019 award for English

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Sahitya Akademi on Wednesday announced its annual literary awards for 2019 for works in 23 languages, including one for Shashi Tharoor's non-fiction book about British rule in India.

The Akademi announced that it would honour seven books of poetry, four novels, six books of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography. The award, including ₹1 lakh in cash, would be presented at a ceremony on February 25, 2020, the Akademi said in a statement.

'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India' by Mr. Tharoor, who is a Congress MP, was selected in the English category.

The awards honour works of poetry by Dr. Phukan Ch. Basumatry (Bodo), Dr. Nand Kishore Acharya (Hindi), Nilba A. Khandekar (Konkani), Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V. Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi) and Prof. Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

Novels by Dr. Joysree Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), L. Birmangol Singh (Manipuri), Cho. Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Narayana Swamy (Telugu) were also among the winners.

Books of short stories by Abdul Ahad Hajini (Kashmiri), Tarun Kanti Mishra (Odia), Kirpal Kazak (Punjabi), Ramsawroop Kisan (Rajasthani), Kali Charan Hembram (Santali) and Ishwar Moorjani (Sindhi), an autobiography by Dr. Vijaya (Kannada) and a biography by Prof. Shafey Kidwai (Urdu) were also among the winners.

Cho. Dharman wins Sahitya Akademi Award

The novel *Sool* captures the destruction of a waterbody

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CHENNAI

Tamil writer Cho. Dharman has won the 2019 Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel *Sool*, depicting the life of the ordinary people, traditional knowledge, agricultural practices and water management.

The story takes place in Urulaikkudi, the native village of Mr. Dharman, and he has captured the destruction of the waterbody (*kanmaai*) in the language of the *Karisal bhoomi* (rain-fed areas) of Kovilpatti. "I am really happy because the Central government has recognised my writing on vital subjects such as agriculture, waterbodies and the ordinary people," Mr. Dharman told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Dharman, born S. Dharmaraj, worked at a spinning mill. He is the son of an Oyil Kummi koothu artiste, Solaiyappan, who donned the role of Rama and trained many in the art. Mr. Dharman had the exposure to *Ramayana* at a very young age, and this, he has said, kindled his interest in reading.

Writer Poomani, who also has won a Sahitya Akademi Award, is his maternal uncle, and he had the oppor-



Cho. Dharman

tunity to read literary magazines like *Deepam* at his residence. "It was he who first gave me the books of Ki. Rajanarayanan and introduced me to serious literature," said the 65-year-old Mr. Dharman, who quit his job in 1996, to pursue a full-time career in writing.

He published his first short story in 1992, followed by a novel, *Dhoorvai*. Mr. Dharman also wrote a monograph of noted villupaattu artiste Pitchaikutti. The novel *Koogai* received critical acclaim and it won him the Iyal Award of the Canada-based Tamil Literary Garden. Asked about his argument that he could be a Dalit by birth but need not be identified as a Dalit writer, Mr. Dharman said he had written about water and environment problems in the novel, and they could not be

reduced to the problems of a particular community.

"Does it affect only Dalits? It is a global issue. Even though I write in the local language and dialects, I deal with subjects which are common to all. There is a kind of oppression in identifying as a Dalit writer, because I will be asked to concentrate only on issues concerning Dalits and not others," he said.

'No particular identity'

Mr. Dharman reiterated that he did not want any particular identity. "What is the need for reservation in literature," he asked.

A. Jeganathan, a research student of the Madurai Kamaraj University, said in the novel, beginning in the 19th century, Mr. Dharman had treated traditional sciences as spiritual ideas and pitted them against rational interpretations. "He made a departure from oral narrative traditions of Dalit literature, and his naturalistic writing style is marked by aesthetics. But what surprised me in the novel is his refusal to accept the prevalence of the caste system, though he dealt with untouchability and casteism in *Koogai*," said Mr. Jeganathan.

Cho Dharman wins Akademi award

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SIXTY six-year-old S Dharmanaraj, better known by his nom de plume 'Cho Dharman' has bagged the Sahitya Akademi award for his 2016 novel – *Sool*. Cho Dharman is a native of Urulaikudi village near Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi district. After completing class X, he studied in a polytechnic college. He worked in a textile mill in Kovilpatti for two decades since 1976 and was also a trade unionist.

In 1996, he voluntarily retired from work to focus on writing. "Watching my koothu-artist father play characters from the Ramayana and Mahabharata, I became inclined to the art of storytelling. At the age of 14, I enrolled myself as a member in a neighbourhood library and thus began my journey with books," said Dharman while speaking to *TNIE*. Today, he is well known as a master storyteller of life



Cho Dharman

in the *karisal* (the dry black soil) lands of South TN.

His first novel *Thoorvai* was published in 1996. His second novel *Koogai*, published in 2005, was critically acclaimed and won several accolades from the State government, national and international universities. The celebrated work of Cho Dharman documented the lives of the Dalits in Chithiraikudi village, by narrating the oppression faced by them in the hands of the dominant communities in the form of false cases, forced sexual assaults and humiliation.

Sool, the third novel penned by the author was published

three years ago. "Although Koogai was lauded widely, it was rejected Sahitya Akademi award despite being short-listed. Unlike Koogai that speaks about the struggles of a certain group of people, *Sool* talks about the universal problem – water," shared Dharman who was elated after winning the award.

The 500-page novel speaks about the water conservation measures taken up during the rule of kings and the Britishers, plunder of ponds and the environment, disappearance of bird populace and about the present plight of *kanmois*, water bodies.

CM congratulates writer

Chennai: Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, in a statement on Wednesday, congratulated Cho Dharman for winning the Sahitya Akademi award for his novel 'Sool.' With his stories based on the village lifestyle, Cho Dharman has carved a niche for himself, the statement said.

Tharoor wins Sahitya Akademi Award for his book on British rule



Congress leader Shashi Tharoor | PTI

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CONGRESS parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for *An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India*. Tharoor won for his non-fiction work in English, the announcement said, among other winners feature playwright Nand Kishore Acharya for Hindi poetry.

Tharoor's book talks about the British rule in India explaining how exploitative the colonisation was for India.

The Akademi announced its awards in 23 languages, including Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Santhali, Kashmiri, Odia, Sanskrit, Sindhi and Urdu, among others. The award ceremony will be held on February 25 at the Festival of Letters or-

ganised by the Sahitya Akademi in New Delhi.

For poetry, the other awardees included Phukan Ch. Basumatary (Bodo), Nilba A. Khandekar (Konkani), Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V. Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi) and Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

Joysree Goswami Mahanta (Assamese), L. Birmangol Sin-

gh (Beryl Thanga) (Manipuri), Cho. Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Narayana Swamy (Telugu) won awards for novels. The awardees for short stories for the Sahitya Akademi award 2019 were Abdul Ahad Hajini (Kashmiri), Sri Tarun Kanti Mishra (Odia), Sri Kirpal Kazak (Punjabi), Sri Ramsawroop Kisan (Rajasthani), Sri Kali Charan Hembram (Santali) and Sri Ishwar Moorjani (Sindhi).

Cho Dharman's Tamil novel Sool wins 19 Sahitya Akademi award

Politician-writer Shashi Tharoor, Tamil writer Cho Dharman, and playwright Nand Kishore Acharya were among 23 writers chosen for the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019.



The national academy of letters announced the names of the winners on Wednesday.

While Tharoor won the award for his book 'An Era of Darkness' in English, Cho Dharman won it for his Tamil novel 'Sool', a burning portrait of environmental and ecological disasters in Tamil Nadu, particularly at Urulaikudi, a remote village in Tuticorin district.

A native of Kovilpatti, known as karisal (black soil) region, Dharman's novels and short stories spoke about the plight of dalits in the region. **TNN P6 & 9**

Tharoor, 23 others win Sahitya Akademi Award

New Delhi: Author, politician and diplomat Shashi Tharoor along with 23 others were on Wednesday named for the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for his book "An Era of Darkness: The



British Empire in India" in the creative non-fiction section in English category Sahitya

Akademi secretary K Sreenivasa Rao made the announcement in a press release. The awards, comprising an engraved copper plaque, a shawl and ₹1,00,000 in cash, will be given away on February 25, 2020, during the Akademi's Festival of Letters.

No question of refusing award over CAA, says Shashi Tharoor

On winning the prestigious award for his book 'An Era of Darkness' in a non-fiction category in English language, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday said that "there is no question of refusing the Sahitya Akademi award."

Amid the political row over Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Shashi said, "Even when a few years ago when the eminent writer returned the awards, I was one of the few voices that telling them not to."

"Having urged them not to return the award there is no question of mine not accepting the award. I see no reason whatsoever to do so," he added. He also said that Sahitya Akademi award is recognition of one's literary achievement and is nothing to do with government. ANI

They relate to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of award— between the period January 1, 2013 and De-

ember 31, 2017. Tharoor's book appeared in 2016. Its British edition, titled "Inglorious Empire: What the British Did to India", appeared a year later.

The awards were recommended by distinguished jury members representing 23 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi, which met on Wednesday under the Chairmanship of its President, Chandrashekhar Kambar, the release said.

Seven books of poetry by Phukan Ch. Basumatary (Bodo), Nand Kishore Acharya (Hindi), Nilba A Khandekar (Konkani), Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi) and Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit) have been awarded.

Four novelists— Joysree Goswami Mahanta (Assa-

mese), L Birmangol Singh (Beryl Thanga) (Manipuri), Cho Dharman (Tamil) and Bandi Narayana Swamy (Telugu)—feature in the list.

Awards have also been given to six books of short stories by Abdul Ahad Hajini (Kashmiri), Tarun Kanti Mishra (Odia), Kirpal Kazak (Punjabi), Ramsawroop Kisan (Rajasthani), Kali Charan Hembram (Santali) and Ishwar Moorjani (Sindhi).

Vijaya (Kannada) and Shafey Kidwai (Urdu) have been cited for an autobiography and a biography. Three essayists, Chinmoy Guha (Bengali), Om Sharma Jandriari (Dogri) and Ratilal Borisagar (Gujarati), also figure in the list of awardees.

Sahitya Akademi award for book on environmental crisis

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A stark picture of the environmental and ecological disaster in Tamil Nadu by Cho Dharman in his third novel 'Sool' bagged him the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 on Wednesday.

The book highlights the state of Urulaikudi, a remote village in Tuticorin where development has destroyed the region's natural resources. But the win has led to a debate among literary enthusiasts many of who believe his second novel, 'Koogal' (Owl), portraying the lower-caste social reality of the karisal region, is his best work and should have made the cut.

Disagreeing with this view, Tamil writer S Ramakrishnan says, "Dharman is a prominent writer from the Karisal (black soil) region. 'Sool' talks about issues that we face today, when there is no rain and no water. The importance of water bodies gets attention in the novel. The novel is significant and relevant in many ways, particularly when it comes to environment and social space of people," he says.

A native of Kovilpatti, part of the karisal region, Dharman's novels and short stories deal with the plight of dalits in remote villages in the area. The 66-year-old, who worked as daily wager in a mill, says he is happy for the recognition. "I have won awards from the state government, but this one from the Sahitya Akademi is special because it is a national recognition for the region that I represent," says Dharman, who has published three novels and four short story collections among others. For

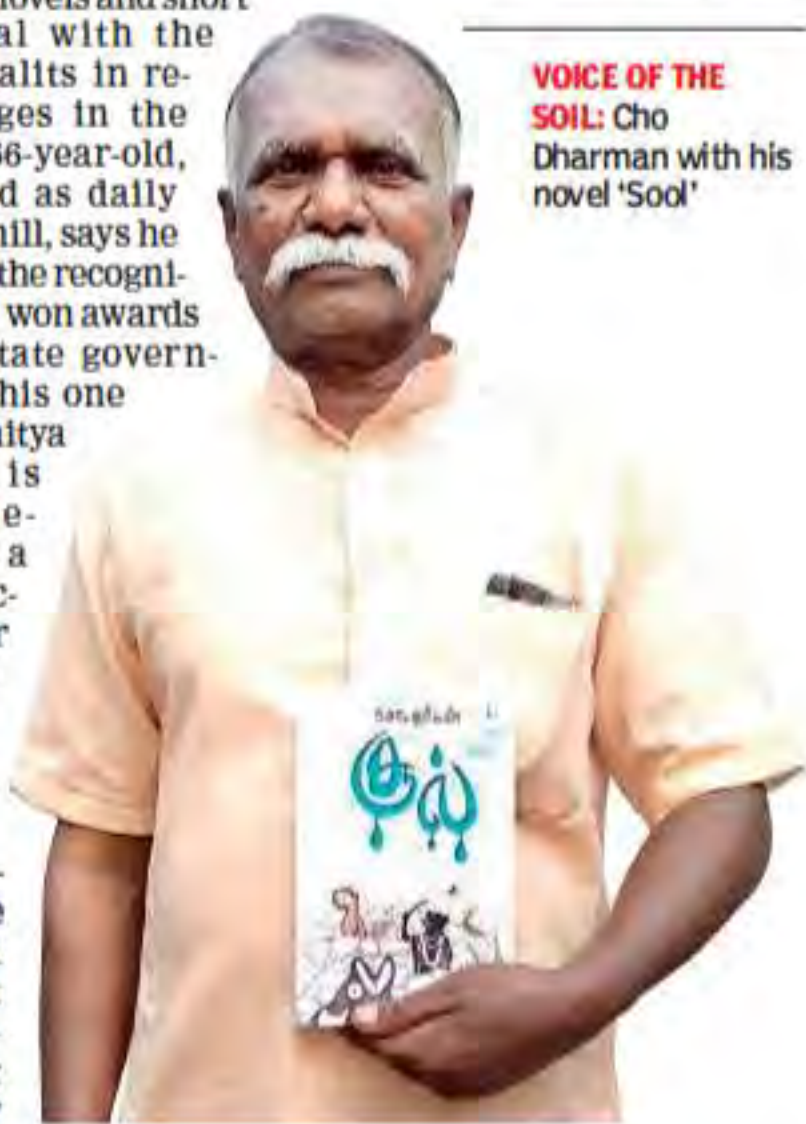
the writer, each water body is a place that sustains life. "Each one is important in its own way. But we don't know how to preserve it. I am grateful to the Akademi for choosing my novel which talks about the most important issue that we face today. It's a great recognition," says Dharman.

Tamil Nadu chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami congratulated Dharman on the award. "I am happy that Dharman has won a great literary award for his novel 'Sool'. It's a great achievement from a daily-wager-turned-writer like him. I wish him all the success."

Sahitya Akademi on Wednesday announced its annual awards in 23 languages. Seven books of poetry, four novels, six short story collections and three essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography have won the awards. The award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper plaque, a shawl and ₹1 lakh. The award will be presented to the winners at a function in New Delhi on February 25.

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VOICE OF THE SOIL: Cho Dharman with his novel 'Sool'



Tharoor, Kishore, Kidwai to get Sahitya Akademi

AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, DEC. 18

The national academy of letters announced the names of Congress leader and author Shashi Tharoor and playwright Nand Kishore Acharya for the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019. In all, 23 writers will be bestowed with the prestigious award at a ceremony next month.

While Mr Tharoor won the award for his book *An*



Shashi Tharoor

N.K. Acharya

Shafey Kidwai

Era of Darkness in English, Acharya will receive the recognition for his book of Hindi poetry, *Chheelay Hue Apne Ko*. "The awards were recommended by distinguished jury mem-

bers representing 23 Indian languages and approved by the executive board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the chairmanship of Chandrashekhar

Kambar, president, Sahitya Akademi, K. Sreenivasarao, secretary of the Akademi, said in a statement. The winners will receive an engraved copper plate and Rs 1 lakh cash prize at a special function on February 25, 2020 in Delhi.

Seven poets will be given the award — Phukan Ch. Basumatary (Bodo), Nand Kishore Acharya (Hindi), Niba A. Khandekar (Konkani),

Kumar Manish Arvind (.M a i t h i l i), V.Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi), and Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

Shashi Tharoor (English), Vijaya (Kannada) and Shafey Kidwai (Urdu) have won the award for their work on creative non-fiction, autobiography and biography respectively.

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Tharoor among 23 winners of Sahitya Akademi Award

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The National Academy of Letters announced the names of the winners on Wednesday.

While Tharoor won the award for his book 'An Era of Darkness in English, Acharya will receive it for his book of Hindi poetry, 'Chheelatey Hue Apne Ko'.

Seven poets will also be given the award, while six authors will get the recognition in short story category. Three books of essay by Chinmoy Guha (Bengali), Om Sharma Jandriari (Dogri), and Ratilal Borisagar (Gujarati) were also named for the award.

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Shashi Tharoor Wins Sahitya Akademi Award

AUTHORS SHASHI Tharoor (pictured), Shafey Kidwai and Nand Kishore Acharya will receive the 2019 Sahitya Akademi Award in English, Urdu and Hindi respectively, the Akademi announced on Wednesday. These awards are given annually to writers in 23 Indian languages. The awards will be given to seven poetry collections, four novels, six collections of short stories, three books of essays, and one book each under creative non-fiction, autobiography and biography categories. The books bestowed with the top literary honour for 2019 include those published between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2017. The award ceremony will take place in New Delhi on February 25 next year..

Tharoor has won the award for *An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India*, which analyses the "exploitation and destruction" of India at the hands of the imperial forces. While Bikaner-based Hindi playwright, poet and critic Acharya will be awarded for his poetry collection, *Cheelte Hue Apne Ko (Peeling One's Self)*, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) professor and Urdu author, Kidwai, will receive the award for *Savanahe Sir Syed: Ek Baazdeed (Sir Syed's Memoir: Revisited)*, a book based on Altaf Husain Hali's biography *Hayat-e-Javed (1900)*. It aims to clear misconceptions around 19th century educationist, reformer and founder of AMU, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. "Sir Syed was a great believer in a unified India," said Kidwai.

Besides Acharya six other poets who will be awarded include Phukan Ch Basumatary (Bodo), Niba A Khandekar (Konkani), Kumar Manish Arvind (Maithili), V Madhusoodanan Nair (Malayalam), Anuradha Patil (Marathi), and Penna Madhusudan (Sanskrit).

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Tharoor among 23 named for Sahitya Akademi Award

PIANS

NEW DELHI, 18 DECEMBER

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Sahitya Akademi Secretary K Sreenivasa Rao made the announcement in a press release. The awards, comprising an engraved copper plaque, a shawl and Rs 100,000 in cash, will be given away on February 25, 2020, during the Akademi's Festival of Letters.

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Three essayists, Chinmoy Guha (Bengali), Om Sharma Jandriari (Dogri) and Ratil Borisagar (Gujarati), also figure in the list of awardees.

Tharoor, 63, who represents the Thiruvananthapuram constituency in the Lok Sabha and is also the patron of the Kerala Literature Festival in Calicut next month, has authored bestsellers like "Why I Am A Hindu", "The Hindu Way" and "The Paradoxical Prime Minister".

He has penned three works of fiction, 13 works of non-fiction and two picture books, including "Kerala: God's Own Country" with M F Husain and "Inde/ndia" (in French and English) with photographer Ferrante Ferranti.

A former Minister of State For External Affairs and a former UN Under-Secretary General of Communications and Public Information, Tharoor has won various awards, including the Rajika Kripalani Young Journalist Award for the Best Indian Journalist under 30, the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for the Best Book of the Year in the Eurasian Region, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, Inspiration of the Year Award at GQ's Man of the Year Awards, New Age Politician of the Year Award by NDTV, the first Sree Narayan Guru Global Secular and Peace Award and PETA's Person of the Year. In addition, he has also been conferred the Commander of the Order of Charles III by the Spanish King.

Not as happy as I should be, says Sahitya Akademi Award winner

I am distressed at the prevailing condition in Assam: Joyasree Goswami Mahanta

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GUWAHATI

Novelist and former Asom Gana Parishad Rajya Sabha member Joyasree Goswami Mahanta on Wednesday said, "I am not as happy as I should be" with the news of winning the Sahitya Akademi Award. She also promised to distribute the prize money among the families of those killed during the anti-citizenship law protests in Assam.

In a dig at the AGP for supporting the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, she said she is deeply hurt at the betrayal by "those elected by the people" as the law is not acceptable to the people of Assam.

"I received the news... but I am not as happy as I should



be on hearing it due to the prevailing troubled situation in the State," Dr. Mahanta, wife of former Assam CM and senior AGP leader Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, said.

Dr. Mahanta was chosen for the Sahitya Akademi award for her novel *Chanakya*. Twenty-two other writers and poets will receive the award, which comprises

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JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA
Novelist, ex-MP from AGP

an engraved copper plate and ₹1 lakh cash prize, on February 25, 2020, in Delhi.

"Young people have lost their lives for a cause and for their homeland and I have decided to pay my tribute to them by distributing the prize money among their families," she said.

"I am deeply distressed and hurt at the betrayal by

those elected to Parliament from the State and to the Assembly on the CAA issue as it is not acceptable to the people of Assam," she added.

"I will be grateful to the families if they accept it. This my humble way of honouring them," Dr. Mahanta said.

Criticism for AGP

Mr. Mahanta has been vocal in his criticism against the party leadership for not opposing the Act in public and its lone Rajya Sabha MP Birendra Prasad Baishya for voting in its favour.

Dr. Mahanta has to her credit several books including *Dronacharya*, *Sreshtha Bideshi Galpo*, *Ekuki Dhemi Sadhu* and some volumes on the Assam agitation.

Sahitya Akademi award winner takes a dig at AGP

TNN & PTI

Guwahati: Novelist Jayashree Goswami Mahanta has promised to distribute the Sahitya Akademi prize money among the families of those killed during anti-citizenship law protests in Assam. The award comprises an engraved copper plate and Rs 1 lakh cash prize.

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THEY RETURNED THEIR AWARDS

MUJTABA HUSSAIN: Well-known Urdu humour writer decided to return Padma Shri protesting against the 'atmosphere of fear & hatred'

UDAY SHANKAR: Assamese choreographer decided to return best choreography award to state govt to protest against CAA. Had bagged them for two Assamese films: 'Jibon Bator Logori' and 'Bakor Puteke'

YAQOOB YAWAR: Urdu author-translator will return UP State Urdu Academy Award for translation

SHIRIN DALVI: Senior Urdu journalist and writer decided to return her state Sahitya Akademi Award. Was conferred special award by Maharashtra Rajya Urdu Sahitya Akademi in recognition of her literary contributions

demi award for her novel, Chanakya. Her husband, who is the founder president of the AGP, has been vocal in his criticism against the party leadership for not opposing the Act in the in public

and its lone Rajya Sabha MP Birendra Prasad Baishya for voting in its favour.

She was awarded the Padma Shri in 2018 and was Rajya Sabha member for a single term from 1999

Sahitya Akademi honour for Kazak

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Bhai Jodh Singh and Dr Harbans Singh, spotted the mason with a 'unique talent'. "I was asked to join the engineering wing of Punjabi University, Patiala, as a 'mortar mate' (in charge of labourers) in 1986," says Kazak. Just read and write, was his brief.

Soon, he was brought to the department of literary studies of the university as a technical assistant. Under a project from the university, he started a study on the culture of Sikligars and Gadi Lohars, the nomadic tribes of Punjab. "Wherever

they would go, I would travel with them on their carts. I would eat whatever they would offer and sleep under the open sky," Kazak says, adding that he became one among them. Later, he chased the Santhals in Jharkhand and Gujjars in Jammu and Kashmir. His work was often compared with the British-born anthropologist Verrier Elwin's work on tribes in Central India.

But Kazak kept on working as a technical assistant with the literary studies department until former bureaucrat Swaran Singh Boparai joined

as vice-chancellor of the university. Just 45 days before his retirement in 2002, in a rare honour, the university appointed him as a professor in the same department despite his not being even a matriculate.

Besides research on Punjab's culture and nomads, Kazak is known for his short stories. Now, his works have been prescribed in the syllabus of almost all the universities of Punjab as well as Delhi University. "People like me come from the grassroots. So, it is an honour for the hard work that I have done," he says.

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