

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2024

On 18th December 2024, Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 21 languages.

Key Points

- ❖ The winners included works from various categories: **eight poetry collections, three novels, two short story collections, three essays, three literary criticism pieces, one play, and one research work.**
- ❖ The Awards are recommended by distinguished Jury members in **21 Indian languages.**

- ❖ Books that qualified for the Awards had to be released between January 1, 2018, and
- ❖ December 31, 2022.



- ❖ The Award in the form of a **casket containing an engraved copper plaque, a shawl, and an amount of ₹1,00,000/-.**

Sahitya Akademi Award 2024- Full List

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Pharingbore Bator Katha Jane (Poetry)	Sameer Tanti
Bodo	Swrni Thakhai (Novel)	Aron Raja
English	Spirit Nights (Novel)	Easterine Kire
Gujarati	Bhagwan-ni Vato (Poetry)	Dileep Jhaveri
Hindi	Main Jab Tak Aai Bahar (Poetry)	Gagan Gill
Kannada	Nudigala Alivu (Literary Criticism)	K.V. Narayana
Kashmiri	Psychiatric Ward (Novel)	Sohan Koul
Konkani	Rangtarang (Essays)	Mukesh Thali
Maithili	Prabandh Sangrah (Essays)	Mahendra Malangia
Malayalam	Pingalakeshini (Poetry)	K. Jayakumar
Manipuri	Mainu Bora Nungshi Sheirol (Poetry)	Haobam Satyabati Devi
Marathi	Vindanche Gadyaroop (Criticism)	Sudhir Rasal
Nepali	Chhichimira (Short Stories)	Yuva Baral
Odia	Bhuti Bhakti Bibhuti (Essays)	Baishnab Charan Samal

Punjabi	Sun Gunvanta Sun Budhivanta: Itihaasnama Punjab (Poetry)	Paul Kaur
Rajasthani	Gaon Ar Amma (Poetry)	Mukut Maniraj
Sanskrit	Bhaskaracaritam (Poetry)	Dipak Kumar Sharma
Santali	Seched Sawnta Ren Andha Manmi (Play)	Maheswar Soren
Sindhi	Purzo (Short Stories)	Hundraj Balwani
Tamil	Tirunelveeli Ezucciyum Vaa. Vuu.ci. Yum 1908 (Research)	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
Telugu	Deepika (Criticism)	Penugonda Lakshminarayana

Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum

The Ministry of Culture has announced a landmark partnership with France Museums Développement (FMD) to develop the Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum as a world-class cultural institution.

Key Points

- ❖ This ambitious project is an integral part of the **Central Vista Redevelopment Project**.
- ❖ It is set to span approximately **1,55,000 square meters across the iconic North and South Blocks in New Delhi**.
- ❖ The Museum will be developed through Adaptive Reuse, in collaboration with France, renowned for its expertise in such projects, exemplified by the Louvre, Grand Palais, and Hôtel de la Marine.

President's Colours Award

The prestigious College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad, was awarded with the President's Colours.

Key Points

- ❖ The **President's Colour** is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon any military unit of India.
- ❖ The **College of Defence Management** was established in **1970**.
- ❖ The CDM has evolved from its initial focus on administrative training to an institute of the highest order that imparts training to tri-services officers in strategic planning, resource management and leadership.
- ❖ This award highlights the CDM's legacy of excellence in shaping strategic thinkers and its pivotal role in India's defence preparedness.



Person In News- Obituary

Om Prakash Chautala

- ❖ He was a **Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) president and former Haryana chief minister**. He passed away on 20th December 2024 at the age of 89.

- ❖ He was a five-time chief minister of Haryana and the son of former deputy prime minister Devi Lal.



Important Days/Dates

December 18

International Migrants Day

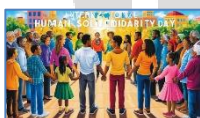
- ❖ It is annually marked on 18 December.
- ❖ It was **established by the United Nations in 2000.**
- ❖ It commemorates the adoption of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
- ❖ The theme of 2024 - **'Honouring the contributions of migrants and respecting their rights.'**



December 20

International Human Solidarity Day

- ❖ It is observed annually on December 20.
- ❖ It served as a reminder of the **importance of solidarity in addressing global challenges.**
- ❖ It was established by the United Nations in **2005.**
- ❖ The day emphasises the interconnectedness of humanity and the collective responsibility we share in promoting social justice and equality.



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Rashtriya Tansen Samman

- ❖ The Tansen Samaroh is **held annually in Gwalior, is one of the most significant music festivals in India.**

- ❖ It pays tribute to Miyan Tansen, one of the nine jewels of Emperor Akbar's court and one of the most legendary figures in Hindustani classical music.
- ❖ This year, 2024, marked the centenary celebration of the Tansen Samaroh.
- ❖ Eminent tabla player Padma Shri recipient Pt. Swapan Chaudhuri from Kolkata was presented **'Rashtriya Tansen Samman'** for the year 2023. Sanand Nyas Sanstha from Indore was awarded with the **'Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman'** for the year 2023.

Sports

- ❖ **World Para Athletics Championships 2025**
- ❖ **New Delhi will host the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships at the city's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.**
- ❖ It will be the **first time the event will be held in India.**
- ❖ It will be the 12th edition of the championships and it will be the fourth time it has been hosted in Asia, following:
 - Doha 2015,
 - Dubai 2019, and
 - Kobe 2024.

- ❖ New Delhi will also host a World Para Athletics Grand Prix for the first time next year. It is scheduled to take place from March 11 to 13, also at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

Books In News

'BRING IT ON The Incredible Story of My Life'

- ❖ It is **written by Deepa Malik** and is published by Harper Collins.



- ❖ She is **India's foremost para athlete with twenty-three international medals**, having created history by becoming India's first-ever female Paralympic medalist with a silver at the Rio Paralympics, and several national and international awards. She has been recognized with the Padma Shri, the Khel Ratna and the Arjuna Award. She is the first Indian paraplegic woman swimmer, biker and car rallyist, holding four Limca World Records.
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Important News- Other States

Goa

- ❖ **Goa's Liberation Day** is observed on December 19 every year to commemorate the independence of Goa from Portuguese colonial rule.

Gujarat

- ❖ In December, 2024, **Masali village in Gujarat's Banaskantha district became India's first fully solar-powered border village**, setting a milestone in sustainable development. Masali village, situated 40 kilometers from the Pakistan border, is now 100% powered by solar energy.

Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ Indore, Madhya Pradesh will file a **first information report (FIR)** against a person who gives money and alms to beggars from 1 January 2025.

New Delhi

- ❖ Delhi government has announced a **complete ban on all types of firecrackers in the national capital throughout the year**, starting from January 1, 2025. The Delhi government's order states that under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, instructions have been given to impose a permanent ban on firecrackers in the national capital.

Odisha

- ❖ West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had launched the **Banglar Bari Housing Scheme**. It is a state funded housing scheme aimed to benefit 12 Lakh Beneficiaries.

Tamil Nadu

- ❖ The **National Institute of Siddha (NIS)** has set a **Guinness World Record** for providing Varmam therapy to 567 individuals simultaneously. The event was held at the NIS campus in Tambaram, Chennai.

