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Sahitya Akademi Prize for Translation

The Sahitya Akademi Prize for Translation honours an outstanding translation in each language the Akademi recognises. Translators do not apply on their own, because books reach the prize committee through recommendations.

What you may get

A cash prize of Rs 50,000 for the winning translation, the amount in force since 2009, awarded each year for a chosen book in a language.

Who it is for

Translators whose published translation into one of the 24 languages recognised by the Sahitya Akademi is judged outstanding by the Akademi's committee.

Main conditions

- The prize is for an outstanding translation into one of the 24 languages recognised by the Akademi, and one book is chosen for each language.
- Books are considered from a ground list made for each language and from recommendations of up to three titles each by recognised literary associations and Language Advisory Board members.
- A three-member Selection Committee for each language recommends one book, or may say that no book qualifies that year, and the Executive Board takes the decision.
- If a winning translator dies before the award is conferred, the prize goes to the spouse or a legal heir.

How to apply

1. There is no application form for translators. The Akademi asks recognised literary associations of each language to recommend up to three titles in its prescribed format.
2. Language Advisory Board members also recommend up to three books each, and a ground list of translations published in the relevant period is prepared for each language.
3. The Selection Committee recommends one book, the Executive Board approves it, and the award is announced after that. Follow the Akademi website for the yearly announcement.

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