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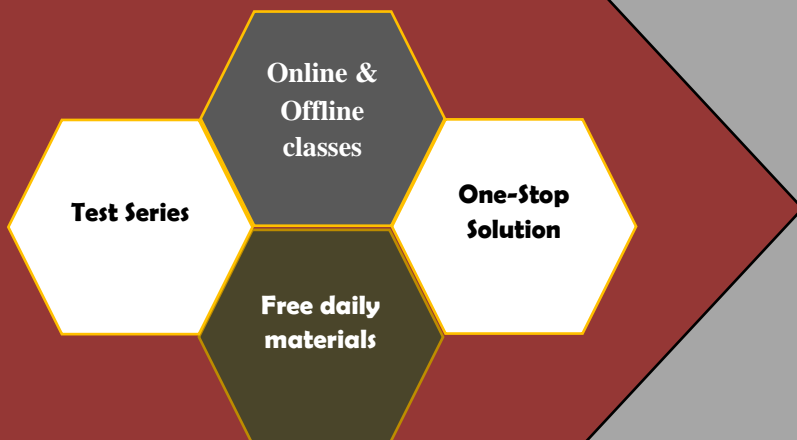
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## Sahitya Akademi Award

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## Sahitya Akademi Award

Marathi writer Nanda Khare **refused to accept the Sahitya Akademi award** for his novel “Udya”, published in 2014.

### Key Points

- **About Sahitya Akademi Award:**

- 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 beong
- 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 award

### About the Marathi Novel ‘Udya’:

- It is a futuristic account of the possible **scenarios emerging** as consequences of the current **capitalistic and machine-driven human life**
- It nuances how humans have been enslaved by machines, particularly by the ones that are susceptible to surveillance of one's personal life

### Jnanpith Award

- The Jnanpith award is the **highest literary award** in India and can only be conferred **annually upon an India**
- **English** along with other languages mentioned in **Indian Constitution (8th Schedule)** is considered for the award
- The prize carries a cash award of 11 lakhs, a citation, and a bronze replica of Vagdevi (Saraswati), the goddess of learning.
- It is sponsored by the **cultural organization Bharatiya jnanpith**
- For 2018, author **Amitav Ghosh** became the **first English language writer** to become a Jnanpith
- Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri in Malayalam language is the latest recipient of the award for the year 2019

### 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**