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SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2020 IN ODIA

Dr. Chandrashekhhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi, has approved Sahitya Akademi Award 2020 in Odia for *Samudrakula Ghara* authored by **Yashodhara Mishra**, an eminent Odia writer and poet. The book was selected on the basis of recommendations made by the Jury comprising three members in accordance with the rules and procedure laid down for the purpose. The book was selected on the basis of majority vote. The names of the Jury members on whose recommendations the Sahitya Akademi Award 2020 in Odia was declared are given below:-

- Dr. Binapani Mohanty
- Dr. Pratibha Satpathy
- Sri Ramakanta Rath

The Award relates to books first published during the five years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e. between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2018).

The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque and a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000/- will be presented to the awardee at a special function to be held at a later date.

(K. Sreenivasarao)

The background of the entire page is a dramatic, painterly illustration of a stormy sea. The sky is dark and filled with heavy, swirling clouds. A bright, golden-yellow light source, possibly the sun or moon, is partially obscured by the clouds in the upper left, casting a strong glow across the scene. The sea below is turbulent, with dark green and black waves crashing and churning. White foam is visible on the crests of the waves, particularly in the lower right. The overall mood is one of intense power and drama.

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