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Press Release

JMI School Teacher bags prestigious literary award of Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy

Dr Rakhshanda Roohi Mehdi, prominent fiction writer and a teacher of Syed Abid Hussain Senior Secondary School, Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi has bagged the prestigious Hamid Saeed Khan Award of Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy for her Urdu short story collection titled "*Monsoon Store*" and will receive Rs.51,000/- as award money.

This award recognises the efforts of progressive women and the exceptional achievements of women who have broken barriers and demonstrated outstanding skills in their respective fields.

JMI Vice Chancellor Prof. Najma Akhtar congratulated Dr Rakshanda Roohi for her great achievements and wished her good luck for her future endeavours.

Dr. Rakhshanda said, "I am deeply honoured and grateful to have been selected for this award. I am passionate about my writing and this award truly reflects what I believe in - a woman's courage and her strong role in improving lives. I am committed to continue my efforts and empower women in the society".

Apart from "*Monsoon Store*", Rakhshanda has also penned another Urdu short story collection "*Magar aik shaakh e nihaal e gham*". She has also written "*Aik khwab jaagti ankhon ka*", a Hindi Short story collection and one Book on Sufism named "*Alakhdas*."

She has also translated two novels namely "*Aakhri Swariyan*" and a Pakistani novel titled "*Naulakhi Kothi*" in Hindi from Urdu.

Earlier, DD Urdu has broadcasted a tele film "*Chilman k paar*" which was based on her story named "*Bahut sambhala wafa ka paiman magar...*". A play "*kahan hai Manzil e Raah e tamanna*" on her story has been staged in Ram Lal Bhawan New Delhi.

In addition to this, she has authored many articles which have been published in renowned magazines and newspapers. She is a regular participant of talk shows and story narrations of All India Radio and DD Urdu.

She has been honoured with many other awards for her literary work.



Dr Rakhshanda Roohi Mehdi