

Writer Shanta Gokhale receives lifetime achievement award at Tata Literature Live! festival

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Writer, translator and film critic Shanta Gokhale was on Sunday honoured with the lifetime achievement award at the Tata Literature Live! festival. She received her award at a ceremony held at the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Mumbai. The award for Gokhale was announced on November 6.

"I feel honoured to be a Lifetime awardee of Tata Literature Live!" said Gokhale, according to PTI. "It is a grand encouragement for me to go on writing and thinking. I am often asked about writing in English and Marathi. Both languages have a rhythm and cadence of their own."

Gokhale, born in 1939 in the town of Dahanu in Maharashtra, recently published her memoir *One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body*. She received the Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 2015.

In the fiction category, the Tata Literature Live! first book award was given to *The Far Field*, by Madhuri Vijay. Raj Kamal Jha won the Book of the Year award for *The City and the Sea*.

In the non-fiction category, the Tata Literature Live! first book award went to *A Stranger Truth: Lessons in Love, Leadership and Courage from India's Sex Workers* by Ashok Alexander. Tony Joseph won the Book of the Year award for *Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From*.

Penguin Random House got the Publisher of the Year award. Meanwhile, the Business Book of the Year award went to *Leapfrogging to Pole-vaulting: Creating the Magic of Radical and Sustainable Transformation* by Raghunath Mashelkar and Ravi Pandit.