

Invitation



Celebration of Words and Ideas

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

29 November, 2025



Theme: Culture, Creativity and Artificial Intelligence

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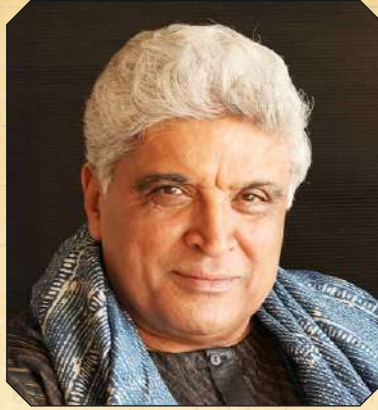
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Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India



SOA SAHITYA SAMMAN 2025



Javed Akhtar

Legendary poet, lyricist, scriptwriter and social thinker

Legendary poet, lyricist, scriptwriter and social thinker Padma Bhushan Javed Akhtar will be presented the SOA Sahitya Samman

2025 for his outstanding and lifelong contribution to Indian cinema and literature. Son of well-known Urdu poet and film lyricist Jan Nisar Akhtar and Safia Akhtar, teacher and writer, Javed Akhtar belongs to a family lineage that can be traced back to seven generations of writers. Akhtar is a celebrated script writer, lyricist, poet and thinker whose words have defined the emotional and cultural landscape of modern India. A master lyricist, his creative genius has enriched Hindi cinema with depth and timeless resonance.

A recipient of 5 National Film Awards and 15 Filmfare Awards, Akhtar has also been honoured with the Padma Shri (1999), Padma Bhushan (2007) and the Sahitya Akademi Award (2014), among many others. His poetry collections 'Tarkash' and 'Lava' remain among the best-selling works of modern Hindi literature and have been translated into several Indian and foreign languages. An eloquent voice of reason and progress, Akhtar has addressed leading universities worldwide, including Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge. A creative visionary and one of the greatest wordsmiths of Indian cinema, his oeuvre bridges literature and life, art and conscience, continuing to inspire generations through fearless truth, poetic imagination and profound humanism.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. Seven lakh along with a citation, a silver idol of Goddess Saraswati and a shawl.



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cordially invites you to the inaugural ceremony of the



3rd Edition

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on November 29, 2025 at 10:00am at SOA Auditorium
Campus- 2, Kalinga Nagar, Bhubaneswar

Inauguration

Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati
Hon'ble Governor of Odisha

Welcome Address

Prof. (Dr.) Gayatribala Panda
Head, PPRACHIN, SOAU

SOA Sahitya Samman Awardee

Javed Akhtar

Legendary Poet, Lyricist and Scriptwriter

Guests of Honour

Smt. Saswati Das
Vice President, SOA

Dr. K. Sreenivasarao
Former Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi

Chair

Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Nanda
Vice Chancellor, SOAU

Vote of Thanks

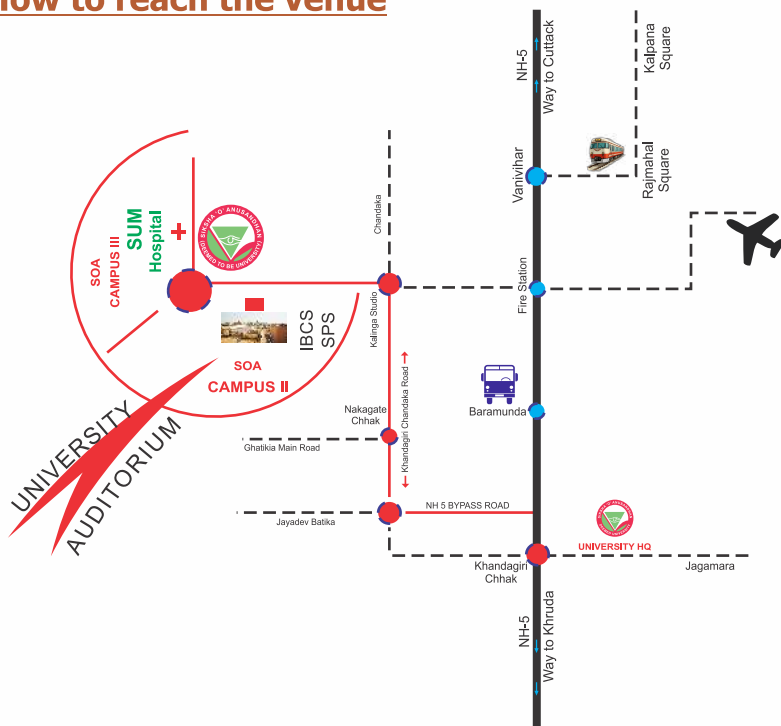
Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Ranjan Das
DSW, SOAU

Your esteemed presence will be deeply appreciated.

Prof. (Dr.) Gayatribala Panda
Head, PPRACHIN, SOAU
Director & Curator, SOA Literary Festival



How to reach the venue



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