



Mahadev Toppo becomes COLIT Member of Sahitya Akademi

Why In News?

On September 6, 2023, Jharkhand's eminent litterateur Mahadev Toppo has been appointed as the board member of the Center for Oral and Tribal Literature (COT Lit) of the Sahitya Akademi.

Key Points:

- Jharkhand's famous litterateur Mahadev Toppo was born in a Kurukh tribal family in the year 1954 in Hushi village of Ranchi district.
- Mahadev Toppo, along with pursuing postgraduate education, also did Film Appreciation Certificate course in Pune in the year 1994.
- His major works were published in Hindi newspapers and magazines like Dharmayug, Parikatha, Naya Gyanodaya, Vagarth Sablog, Samayantar, India Today, Samachar Janmat, Vishwa-Rang, Banas Jan, Jansatta, Prabhat Khabar etc. These works include articles, comments, stories, poems etc.
- His major works include 'Jungle Pahad ke Path (poetry collection)', 'Civilized Adivasi (writing collection)' and the poetry collection 'Jungle Pahad ke Path', translated into English, Marathi and Santali etc. Some of his poems were also published in Germany, English, Marathi, Telugu, Sanskrit, Santali, Assamese.
- He has also acted in the Kurukh film 'Pahada' and the national and international award winning film 'Aidpa Kaana (While Going Home)'. He has also composed short plays in his mother tongue Kurukh.
- Mahadev Toppo has been awarded many honors including the Birsa Munda Award.
- Currently, living in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, he is working for the development of language, literature, art, culture and mother tongue Kurukh.



