

IUCAA gets copyrights of Deshpandes' books

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Pune: Marathi writer, late Sunita Deshpande awarded the copyrights of all her six books to the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). The premier astronomy institute will also have the copyrights of her humorist husband P L Deshpande's books, which were with her until her death.

Similarly, no prior permission will be required or no royalty need to be paid to any individual or institute, to stage the shows of plays written by P L. The decisions were taken by Sunitabai herself little before her death through her will, and had instructed her relatives to

make them public. The statement was issued by the couple's nephews Jayant Deshpande, Dinesh Thakur and niece Dr Sucheta Lokare on Monday.

IUCAA thus gets the copyrights of Sunitabai's six books - her autobiographical narrative 'Aahe Manohar Tari,' 'Soyre Sakal,' 'Manyanchi Mal,' 'Samantar Jeevan,' 'Manatala Avkash,' and 'Priy G A.'

The writer has, however, requested drama companies, directors and actors not to make any changes, not even a word, in the original scripts of P L's plays while staging the shows.

Shows, found to be digressing from the original, should be boycotted by critics and the discerning audience, she said in the will in her inimitable style.