

JNANPITH AWARD

The Jnanpith Award is an Indian literary award presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their "outstanding contribution towards literature". Instituted in 1961, the award is bestowed only on Indian writers writing in Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India and English, with no posthumous conferral.

The Bharatiya Jnanpith, a research and cultural institute founded in 1944 by industrialist Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain, conceived an idea in May 1961 to start a scheme "commanding national prestige and of international standard" to "select the best book out of the publications in Indian languages".

The first recipient of the award was the Malayalam writer G. Sankara Kurup who received the award in 1965 for his collection of poems, Odakkuzhal (The Bamboo Flute), published in 1950.

In 1976, Bengali novelist Ashapoorna Devi became the first woman to win the award and was honoured for the 1965 novel Pratham Pratisruti (The First Promise), the first in a trilogy.

Year	Recipient(s)	Language(s)
1965 (1st)	G. Sankara Kurup	Malayalam
1966 (2nd)	Tarasankar Bandyopadhyay	Bengali
1967 (3rd)	Umashankar Joshi	Gujarati
1967 (3rd)	Kuppali Venkatappa Puttappa 'Kuvempu'	Kannada

1968 (4th)	Sumitranandan Pant	Hindi
1969 (5th)	Firaq Gorakhpuri	Urdu
1970 (6th)	Viswanatha Satyanarayana	Telugu
1971 (7th)	Bishnu Dey	Bengali
1972 (8th)	Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'	Hindi
1973 (9th)	D. R. Bendre	Kannada
1973 (9th)	Gopinath Mohanty	Odia
1974 (10th)	Vishnu Sakharam Khandekar	Marathi
1975 (11th)	Akilan	Tamil
1976 (12th)	Ashapoorna Devi	Bengali
1977 (13th)	K. Shivaram Karanth	Kannada
1978 (14th)	Sachchidananda Vatsyayan	Hindi
1979	Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya	Assamese

(15th)		
1980 (16th)	S. K. Pottekkatt	Malayalam
1981 (17th)	Amrita Pritam	Punjabi
1982 (18th)	Mahadevi Varma	Hindi
1983 (19th)	Masti Venkatesha Iyengar	Kannada
1984 (20th)	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai	Malayalam
1985 (21st)	Pannalal Patel	Gujarati
1986 (22nd)	Sachidananda Routray	Odia
1987 (23rd)	Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar 'Kusumagraj'	Marathi
1988 (24th)	C. Narayana Reddy	Telugu
1989 (25th)	Qurratulain Hyder	Urdu
1990 (26th)	Vinayaka Krishna Gokak	Kannada
1991 (27th)	Subhash Mukhopadhyay	Bengali

1992 (28th)	Naresh Mehta	Hindi
1993 (29th)	Sitakant Mahapatra	Odia
1994 (30th)	U. R. Ananthamurthy	Kannada
1995 (31st)	M. T. Vasudevan Nair	Malayalam
1996 (32nd)	Mahasweta Devi	Bengali
1997 (33rd)	Ali Sardar Jafri	Urdu
1998 (34th)	Girish Karnad	Kannada
1999 (35th)	Nirmal Verma	Hindi
1999 (35th)	Gurdial Singh	Punjabi
2000 (36th)	Mamoni Raisom Goswami	Assamese
2001 (37th)	Rajendra Shah	Gujarati
2002 (38th)	Jayakanthan	Tamil
2003	Vinda Karandikar	Marathi

(39th)		
2004 (40th)	Rehman Rahi	Kashmiri
2005 (41st)	Kunwar Narayan	Hindi
2006 (42nd)	Ravindra Kelekar	Konkani
2006 (42nd)	Satya Vrat Shastri	Sanskrit
2007 (43rd)	O. N. V. Kurup	Malayalam
2008 (44th)	Akhlaq Mohammed Khan 'Shahryar'	Urdu
2009 (45th)	Amarkant	Hindi
2009 (45th)	Sri Lal Sukla	Hindi
2010 (46th)	Chandrashekhara Kambara	Kannada
2011 (47th)	Pratibha Ray	Odia
2012 (48th)	Ravuri Bharadhwaja	Telugu
2013 (49th)	Kedarnath Singh	Hindi

2014 (50th)	Bhalchandra Nemade	Marathi
2015 (51st)	Raghuveer Chaudhari	Gujarati
2016 (52nd)	Shankha Ghosh	Bengali
2017 (53rd)	Krishna Sobti	Hindi
2018 (54th)	Amitav Ghosh	English

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