

Jnanpith Award

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Recently, Tamil lyricist and author R. Vairamuthu has been selected for the Jnanpith Award for the year 2025.

About Jnanpith Award

- It is the **highest literary honour of India**, given to writers who have excelled in literature in different Indian languages.
- It was instituted in 1961.
- **Award:** The prize carries a cash prize of **Rs 11 lakh**, a **bronze statuette of Vagdevi** (Goddess Saraswati), and a **citation**.
- It is sponsored by the cultural organization Bharatiya Jnanpith.
- The **first recipient** of the award was **Malayalam poet G. Sankara Kurup**, who received the award in 1965 for his collection of poems Odakkuzhal.

Eligibility and Rules

- It is given **every year** to an author for his/her outstanding **contribution towards Indian literature through creative writing** in any of the **Indian languages** mentioned in **Schedule VIII of the Indian Constitution and English**.
- Only those **creative writers who are alive** and are Indian citizens, can be proposed for the Award.
- A language which receives the award in a particular year is not eligible for consideration for the **next two years**.
- A writer who receives the Award once will not be considered again.
- The Award may not be given in a particular year if the Jnanpith Award Selection Board feels that there is no suitable name which comes up to the expected standard of the Award.

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