



## 'Tomb of Sand' won International Booker Prize

### Why in News?

"Tomb of Sand", has become **the first book written in an Indian language** to be awarded the **International Booker Prize**.

- Originally published in Hindi as Ret Samadhi, the book is written by Author Geetanjali Shree and translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.
- The book narrates the story of an 80-year-old woman who experiences a deep depression after the death of her husband. Eventually, she overcomes her depression and decides to visit Pakistan to finally confront the past that she left behind during the Partition.

## // Joins elite list of Indian authors

Geetanjali Shree's *Tomb of Sand* was awarded the prize, making her the first Indian author to win the International Booker. Only three other Indians have previously won the Booker Prize

**INTERNATIONAL BOOKER**  
**GEETANJALI SHREE**  
for her book *Ret Samadhi*, translated as *Tomb of Sand*. Shree will split the award with translator Daisy Rockwell

Awarded for books translated into English from a foreign language, published in the UK or Ireland

**INDIAN WINNERS OF BOOKER PRIZE**

- ✓ **1997: ARUNDHATI ROY** for *The God of Small Things*
- ✓ **2006: KIRAN DESAI** for *The Inheritance of Loss*
- ✓ **2008: ARAVIND ADIGA** for *The White Tiger*

Formerly the Man Booker Prize, the award is given for the best novel written originally in English

### What is the International Booker Prize?

- The International Booker Prize is **awarded annually for a single book, translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland**.
- The International Booker Prize **began life in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize**.
- This prize aims to encourage more reading of quality fiction from all over the world and has already had an impact on those statistics in the UK.
- The vital work of translators is celebrated, with the **£50,000 prize money divided equally between the author and translator**.
- Each shortlisted author and translator also receive £2,500.
- Novels and collections of short stories are both eligible.

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