



PEN Pinter Prize 2023

Why in News?

Michael Rosen, a renowned poet and writer, has been recognized for his literary contributions and honored with the **prestigious PEN Pinter Prize 2023**.

- Rosen is known for making **poetry accessible to children** through **his work and performances**. **His themes are often** social, political and ethical.



What is the History and Purpose of the PEN Pinter Prize?

- The PEN Pinter Prize was **established in 2009 by English PEN**, the founding **centre of a global literary network** that promotes literature and human rights.
 - The prize was named after **Harold Pinter**, who was a vice president of English PEN and an active member of the **International PEN Writers in Prison Committee (WiPC)**.
 - It was inspired by **Pinter's Nobel Prize acceptance speech in 2005, titled "Art, Truth and Politics"**, in which he spoke about the role of the writer as a **"citizen of the world"** who questions and exposes the lies of power.
- The prize aims to recognise writers who **use their words to defend the dignity and rights of others**.
- The Prize is awarded annually to a writer resident in **the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Commonwealth or former Commonwealth**.
 - The winner must be the author of a significant body of plays, poetry, essays, or fiction of outstanding literary merit, **written in English**.
 - Past recipients of the prestigious award include **Hanif Kureishi, Lemn Sissay, and Malorie Blackman**.

What are the Other Major Literacy Awards?

- **International:**
 - [Nobel Prize in Literature](#) (2022- Annie Ernaux)
 - [Booker Prize](#)
 - **The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize**
- **Indian:**
 - [Jnanpith Award](#)
 - [Sahitya Akademi Award](#)

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