

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2024

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Why in News?

South Korean author Han Kang has been awarded the **2024** Nobel Prize in Literature by the **Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden** for her "intense poetic prose" that explores historical traumas and the fragility of life.

 Han Kang is the first South Korean writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, marking a historic moment for South Korea's literary scene.

The Vision



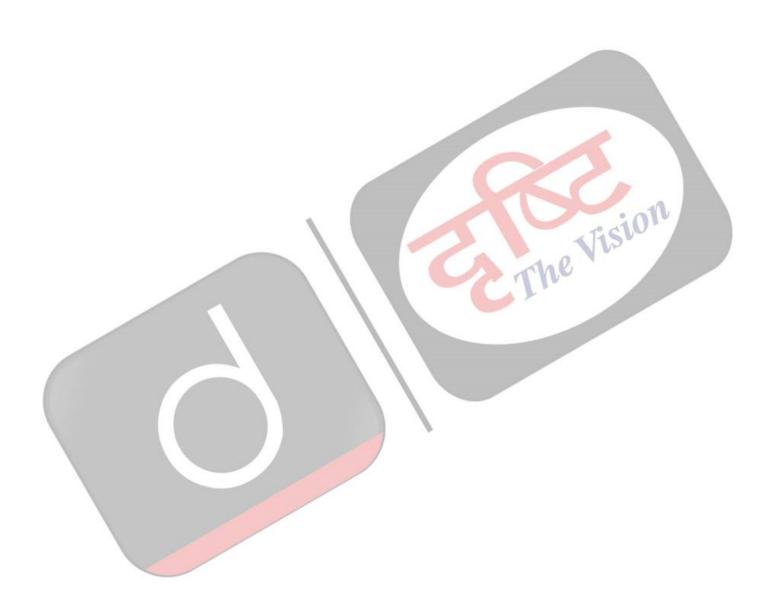
Who is Han Kang?

- **About:** Born in 1970, Han Kang is a renowned novelist and poet, she is recognized for her **intense poetic prose**, which combines lyricism with narrative. Her style has redefined contemporary literature by blending physical and emotional empathy in a unique manner.
- Key Literary Contributions:
 - The Vegetarian (2007): It was her breakthrough novel, translated by Deborah Smith in 2015, and it won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize.
 - The <u>International Booker Prize</u>, established in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize, is awarded for a single book of fiction translated into English and published in the <u>United Kingdom or Ireland</u>, promoting global literature and celebrating the contributions of **both the author and the translator**.
 - **Human Acts (2016)**: Focuses on the 1980 Gwangju massacre, where South Korean military forces killed protesting students and civilians.
 - Explores trauma and collective memory in a visionary yet concise manner.

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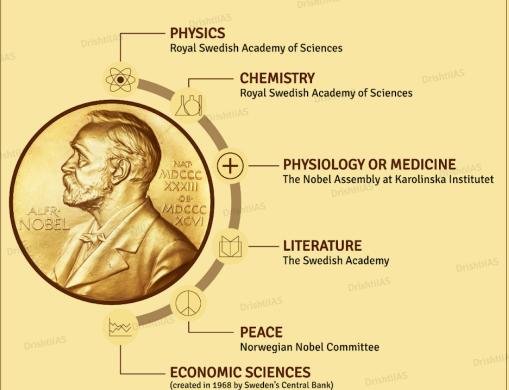
<u>Rabindranath Tagore</u> was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 1913 for his profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse, which he expressed in his own English words and made a part of the literature of the West.

- Notable literary contributions by Rabindranath Tagore are Manasi, Gitanjali, Sâdhanâ: The Realisation of Life, and Chitra: a Play in One Act.
- The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2023 was awarded to Jon Fosse, a Norwegian author and dramatist, for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable."



Nobel Prize

- + Established by the will of Alfred Nobel (inventor of Dynamite)
- + Awarded to those who have conferred the greatest benefit to humankind, during the preceding year
- **→** First awards were handed out in **1901**



+ The Prize Ceremony is held in Stockholm, Sweden, in December every year

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- ★ The Peace Prize is not awarded at Stockholm ceremony but presented annually in Oslo, Norway, on the same day
- + Each Nobel laureate receives a gold medal, a diploma, and a monetary award
- → Nobel Prize cannot be given posthumously (after death). Also, up to 3 people can share a Nobel Prize award between them
- + First Indian Nobel Laureate: Rabindranath Tagore for Literature, 1913
 - ▲ First Indian Woman Nobel Laureate: Mother Teresa for Peace, 1979



