

Jnanpith Award to Vinod Kumar Shukla

Renowned Hindi writer and poet **Vinod Kumar Shukla** has been named the winner of the **59th Jnanpith Award**, India's highest literary honour. After the announcement, the 87-year-old writer from **Raipur, Chhattisgarh** expressed gratitude and reflected on the **responsibility** that comes with the award.

"This is a big award in my life. It gives me a sense of responsibility," said Mr. Shukla.

He is the **first writer from Chhattisgarh** and the **12th Hindi author** to receive the prestigious **Jnanpith Award**.

About the Jnanpith Award

- Recognised as **India's top literary honour**.
- Comes with a **cash prize of ₹11 lakh**, a **bronze statue of Goddess Saraswati**, and a **citation**.
- Mr. Shukla's name was selected by the **Jnanpith Selection Committee**, chaired by **Pratibha Ray**, an eminent storyteller and past Jnanpith awardee.

Life and Literary Journey of Vinod Kumar Shukla

- **Born in 1937** in **Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh**.
- Started his writing career with his **first poetry collection "Lagbhag Jaihind" in 1971**.
- Has written several acclaimed **poetry collections**, including **"Kavita Se Lambi Kavita."**
- His **novels** such as **"Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi"** and **"Naukar Ki Kameez"** received widespread praise.
 - *"Naukar Ki Kameez"* was even **adapted into a film**.
- Recipient of **Sahitya Akademi Award** and many other honours throughout his **50+ year literary career**.

Reflecting on his writing journey, he said:

“I wanted to write a lot but could write very little. I saw, heard, and felt a lot, but could only express a fraction of it.”

He added that at his age, it was **challenging to keep up with the speed of life**.

FAQs about Vinod Kumar Shukla and the Jnanpith Award

Q1: Who is Vinod Kumar Shukla?

Vinod Kumar Shukla is a **Hindi poet and novelist** from **Raipur, Chhattisgarh**, known for his **simple yet deep literary works**. He has been awarded the **59th Jnanpith Award** for his lifelong contribution to literature.

Q2: What is the Jnanpith Award?

The **Jnanpith Award** is **India's highest literary award**, given annually for outstanding contributions to Indian literature. It includes a **cash prize**, a **bronze idol of Saraswati**, and a **citation**.

Q3: What are some famous works by Vinod Kumar Shukla?

- **Poetry:** *Lagbhag Jaihind*, *Kavita Se Lambi Kavita*
- **Novels:** *Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi*, *Naukar Ki Kameez*

Q4: Has Vinod Kumar Shukla received other awards?

Yes, he has also won the **Sahitya Akademi Award** and many other recognitions for his literary work.

Q5: When did Vinod Kumar Shukla begin his writing career?

He started his writing journey in **1971** with the publication of his first **poetry collection**, *Lagbhag Jaihind*.

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