



'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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