



# 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.



## 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 [International Booker Prize](#), established in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize, is awarded for a single book of fiction translated into English and published in the **United Kingdom or Ireland**, 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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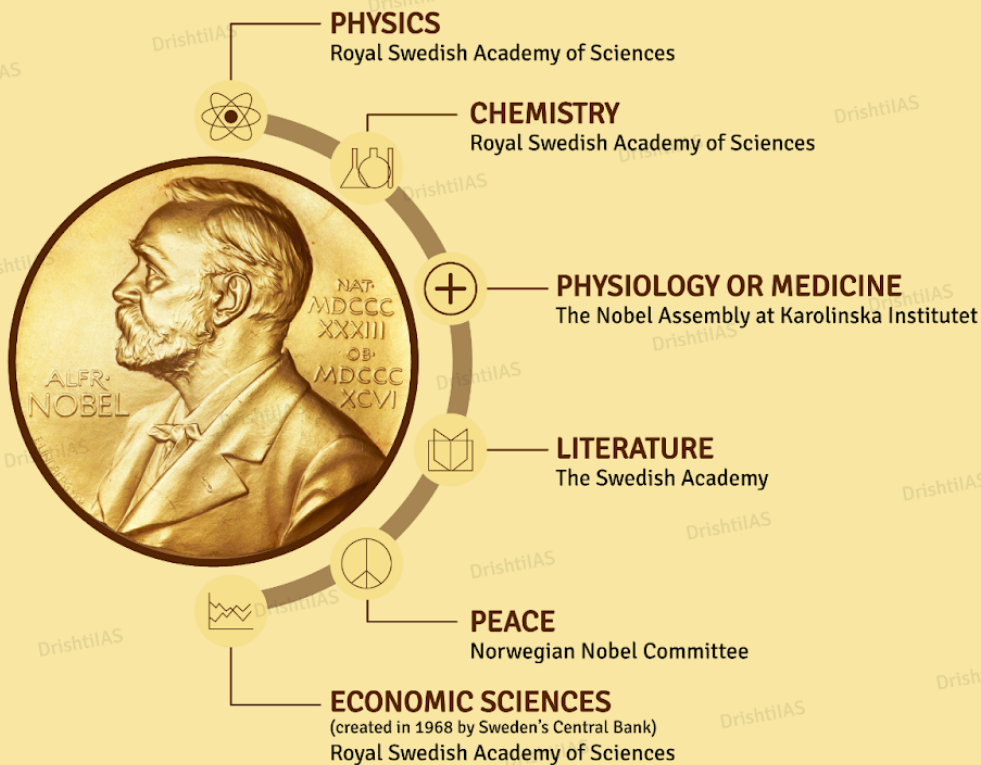
[Rabindranath Tagore](#) was awarded the **Nobel Prize in Literature 1913** for his profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse, which he expressed in his own English words and made a part of the literature of the West.

- 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
  - ▲ 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**

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