



Heart Lamp wins 2025 International Booker Prize

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“Heart Lamp,” a short story collection by **Banu Mushtaq**, translated into English by **Deepa Bhashti**, became the first Kannada work to win the **2025 International Booker Prize**, marking a historic moment for Indian regional literature.

- Heart Lamp features **stories portraying women’s struggles under patriarchy**, echoing the **Bandaya Sahitya movement** and highlighting universal themes of gender discrimination.
 - The **1970s Bandaya movement** ignited literary and social activism around **women’s rights, and Dalit issues**, influencing politics and literature across Karnataka and India.
- **International Booker Prize:** Formerly known as the **Man Booker International Prize**, it is a prestigious annual award for translated fiction, honoring the best long-form works or short story collections published in the UK or Ireland. It is awarded by the **Booker Prize Foundation, UK**.
 - The prize awards Great Britain Pound (GBP) 50,000, equally shared between the author and the translator. Additionally, each shortlisted author and translator receives GBP 2,500.
- **Indian International Booker Prize Laureates:**

Year	Author	Work
1971	V.S. Naipaul	In a Free State
1981	Salman Rushdie	Midnight’s Children
1997	Arundhati Roy	The God of Small Things
2006	Kiran Desai	The Inheritance of Loss
2008	Aravind Adiga	The White Tiger
2022	Geetanjali Shree	Tomb of Sand

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