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Jnanpith Award

Jnanapeedom Award is the most prestigious award among the literary awards in the country. It is presented by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their 'outstanding contribution towards literature'. The awards were instituted in 1961, and is bestowed only on Indian writers writing in Indian languages.

The first recipient of the award was the Malayalam writer G. Sankara Kurup, in 1965 for his collection of poems, Odakkuzhal. And, the first woman writer to receive this award was Ashapoorna Devi, a Bengali writer, in 1976.

The prize money for the Jnanpith Award is Rs. 11 lakh and a bronze replica of Hindu Goddess Saraswati.

Jnanpith Award - Malayali Award Winner Lists

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
1965	G. Sankara Kurup	Odakkuzhal
1980	S. K. Pottekkatt Oru Desathinte	Katha
1984	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai	Kayar
1995	M. T. Vasudevan Nair Overall Contribution	For Overall contribution to Literature
2007	O. N. V. Kurup Overall Contribution	
2019	Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri	

Moortidevi Award

It is another annual literary award conferred by the Bharatiya Jnanpith.

Moorthidevi Awardees from Kerala

- 2009 - Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri
- 2013 - C. Radhakrishnan
- 2016 - M. P. Veerendra Kumar

Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award

The Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award was established in 1954, and the award comprises a plaque and a prize money of Rs. 1,00,000/-. The award recognizes and promotes excellence in Indian writings and also acknowledge new trends.

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
1955	1955 R. Narayanappanikkar	Bhashacharitam
1956	1956 I. C. Chacko	Paananeeya Pradyoditham
1957	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai	Chemmeen
1958	K. P. Kesava Menon	Kazhinjakalam
1960	P. C. Kuttikrishnan	Sundarikalum Sundaranmarum
1963	G. Sankara Kurup	Viswadarshanam
1964	P. Kesava Dev	Ayalkkar
1965	Balamaniamma	Muthassi
1966	Kuttikrishna Marar	Kala Jeevitham Thanne
1967	P. Kunhiraman Nair	Thamarathoni
1969	Idasseri Govindan Nair	Kavile Pattu
1971	M. T. Vasudevan Nair	Kaalam
1971	Viloppilli Sreedhara Menon	Vida
1972	S. K. Pottakkad	Oru Desathinte Kadha
1973	Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri	Balidarsanam
1974	Vennikkulam Gopala Kurup	Kaamasurabhi
1975	O. N. V. Kurup	Aksharam
1976	Cherukaadu	Jeevithapatha
1977	Lalithambika Antharjanam	Agnisaakshi
1978	Sugathakumari	Raatrimazha
1979	N. V. Krishna Warriar	Vallatholinte Kavyasilpam
1980	Dr. Punathil Kunjabdulla	Smarakasilakal
1981	Vilasini	Avakasikal
1982	V. K. N	Payyankathakal
1983	Prof. S. Guptan Nair	Theranjedutha Prabandhangal
1984	Dr. K. Ayyappa Panikkar	Ayyappapanikkarude Kavithakal
1985	Dr. Sukumar Azhikkod	Thathwamasi
1985	Kamaladas	Theranjedutha Kavithakal (Eng.)
1986	Dr. M. Leelavathi	Kavithadhvani
1987	Prof. N. Krishna Pillai	Prathipaathram Bhashana Bhedam
1988	C. Radhakrishnan	Spandamapinikale Nandi
1989	Olappamanna	Nizhalana
1990	O. V. Vijayan	Gurusaagaram
1991	M. P. Sankunni Nair	Chathravum Chamaravum
1992	M. Mukundan	Daivathinte Vikrithikal
1993	N. P. Muhammad	Daivathinte Kannu
1994	Vishnu Narayanan Namboodiri	Raappakalukal
1995	Thikkodiyar	Arangukanaatha Nadan
1996	T. Padmanabhan	Gowri
1997	Anand	Govardhanante Yaathrakal
1998	Kovilan	Thattakam
1999	C. V. Sreeraman	Sreeramante Kadhakal

2000	R. Ramachandran	R. Ramachandrante Kavithakal
2001	Attoor Ravi Varma	Attoor Ravi Varmayude Kavithakal
2002	K. G. Sankara Pillai	K.G. Sankara Pillayude Kavithakal
2003	Sara Joseph	Alahayude Penmakal
2004	Paul Zachariah	Zachariyayute Kathakal
2005	G. V. Kakkanadan	Jappana Pukayila
2006	M. Sukumaran	Chuvanna Chinnangal
2007	A. Sethumadhavan	Adayalangal
2008	K. P. Appan	Madhuram Ninte Jeevitham
2009	U. A. Khader	Thrikottoor Peruma
2010	M. P. Veerendra Kumar	Haimavatha Bhoovil
2011	M. K. Sanu	Basheer: Ekanthaveedhiyile Avadhuthan
2012	K. Satchidanandan	Marannu Vecha Vasthukkal
2013	M. N. Paloor	Kadhayillathavante Kadha
2014	Subhash Chandran	Manushyanu Oru Aamukham
2015	K. R. Meera	Aarachar
2016	Prabha Varma	Shyamamadhavam
2017	K. P. Ramanunni	Daivathinte Pusthakam
2018	S. Ramesan Nair	Guru Pournami
2019	V. Madhusoodanan Nair	Achan Piranna Veedu

Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award for Children's Literature (Bal Sahitya Puraskar)

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
2010	Sippy Pallippuram	Oridath Oridath Oru Kunjunni
2011	K. Pappootty	Chiruthakkuttiyum Mashum
2012	K. Sreekumar	Total Contribution to Children's Literature
2013	Leela Nambudiripad (Sumangala)	
2014	K. V. Ramanathan	
2015	S. Sivadas	
2016	N. P. Hafiz Mohamad	Kuttippattalathinte Keralaparyadanam
2017	S. R. Lal	Kunhunnayude Yathrapusthakam
2018	P. K. Gopi	Olachootintte Velicham
2019	Malayath Appunni	Overall contribution to Literature

Ezhuthachan Puraskaram

Ezhuthachan award is the highest literary honour, given by the Kerala Sahitya Akademi.

The award is named after the father of the Malayalam language, Thunchaththu Ezhuthachan.

The prize money prize of Rs. 5,00,000 and a citation will be given to the winner.

Year	Awardee
1993	Sooranadu Kunhan Pillai
1994	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai
1995	Balamaniamma
1996	Dr. K. M. George
1997	Ponkunnam Varkey
1998	M. P. Appan
1999	K. P. Narayana Pisharadi
2000	Pala Narayanan Nair
2001	O. V. Vijayan
2002	Kamala Surayya
2003	T. Padmanabhan
2004	Sukumar Azhikkode
2005	S. Gupthan Nair
2006	V. V. Ayyappan (Kovilan)
2007	O. N. V. Kurup
2008	Akkitham Achuthanandan Namboodiri
2009	Sugathakumari
2010	M. Leelavathi
2011	M. T. Vasudevan Nair
2012	Attoor Ravi Varma
2013	M. K. Sanu
2014	Vishnu Narayanan Namboodiri
2015	Dr. Puthussery Ramachandran
2016	C. Radhakrishnan
2017	K. Sachidanandan
2018	M. Mukundan
2019	Anand
2020	Paul Zacharia

Kerala Sahitya Akademi Awards for Novels

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
1993	K. L. Mohana Verma	Ohari
1994	K. J. Baby	Mavelimannan
1995	K. P. Ramanunni	Sufi Paranja Katha
1996	T. V. Kochubava	Vridhasadanam
2013	K. R. Meera	Aarachaar
2014	T. P. Rajeevan	KTN Kotoor Ezhuthum Jeevithavum
2015	U. K. Kumaran	Thakshankunnu Swaroopam
2016	T. D. Ramakrishnan	Sugandhi Enna Andal Devanayaki
2017	V. J. James	Nireeshwaran

2018	K.V. Mohankumar	Ushnarashi
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Vallathol Award

Vallathol Award was instituted in 1991 in the memory of Vallathol Narayana Menon, one of the modern triumvirate poets (Adhunika kavithrayam) of Malayalam poetry. The prize includes a cash prize of ₹ 1,11,111 and a plaque.

Year	Awardee
1991	Pala Narayanan Nair
1992	Sooranadu Kunhan Pillai
1993	Balamaniyamma, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
1994	Ponkunnam Varkey
1995	M. P. Appan
1996	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai
1997	Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri
1998	Dr. K. M. George
1999	S. Guptan Nair
2000	P. Bhaskaran
2001	T. Padmanabhan
2002	Dr. M. Leelavathy
2003	Sugathakumari
2004	K. Ayyappa Panicker
2005	M. T. Vasudevan Nair
2006	O. N. V. Kurup
2007	Sukumar Azhikode
2008	Puthussery Ramachandran
2009	Kavalam Narayana Panicker
2010	Vishnu Narayanan Namboodiri
2011	C. Radhakrishnan
2012	Yusuf Ali Kechery
2013	Perumbadavam Sreedharan
2014	P. Narayana Kurup
2015	Anand
2016	Sreekumaran Thampi
2017	Prabha Varma
2018	M. Mukundan
2019	Paul Zacharia

Vayalar Award

Vayalar award has been instituted 1977 by the Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust in memory of the poet and lyricist Vayalar Ramavarma

Award money is Rs. 100,000 along with a silver plaque

Year	Awardee	Literary Work
1977	Lalithambika Antharjanam	Agnisakshi
1978	P. K. Balakrishnan	Ini jnan Urangatte
1979	Malayattoor Ramakrishnan	Yanthram
1980	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai	Kayar
1981	Vailoppilli Sreedhara Menon	Makarakoithu
1982	O. N. V. Kurup	Uppu
1983	M. K. Menon (Vilasini)	Avakasikal
1984	Sugathakumari	Ambalamani
1985	M. T. Vasudevan Nair	Randamoozham
1986	N. N. Kakkadu	Sabhalameeyathra
1987	Prof. N. Krishna Pillai	Prathipathram Bhashanabhedam
1988	Thirunellur Karunakaran	Thirunellur Karunakarante Kavithakal
1989	Sukumar Azhikkod	Thathwamasi
1990	C. Radhakrishnan	Munpe Parakkunna Pakshikal
1991	O. V. Vijayan	Gurusagaram
1992	Prof. M. K. Sanu	Changambuzha-Nakshathrangalude Snehabhajanam
1993	Anand	Marubhoomikal Undakunnathu
1994	K.Surendran	Guru
1995	Thikkodiyam	Arangau Kanatha Nadan
1996	Perumbadavam Sridharan	Oru Sangheerthanam Pole
1997	Madhavikutty	Neermathalam Pootha Kalam
1998	S.Guptan Nair	Srishtiyum Srashtavum
1999	Kovilan	Thattakam
2000	T.Padmanabhan	Puzha Kadannu Marangalude Idayilekku
2001	M. V. Devan	Devaspandanam
2002	Dr. K. Ayyappapanicker	Ayyappapanickerude Krithikal
2003	M. Mukundan	Kesavante Vilapangal
2004	Sara Joseph	Alahayude Penmakal
2005	K. Sachidanadan	Sakshyangal
2006	Sethu	Adayalangal
2007	M. Leelavathy	Appuvinte anweshanam
2008	M. P. Veerendrakumar	Haimavathabhuvil
2009	Thomas Mathew	Marar Lavanyabhavathinte Yukthi Silpam
2010	Vishnu Narayanan Namboodiri	Charulatha

2011	K. P. Ramanunni	Jeevithathinte Pusthakam
2012	Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri	Anthimahakalam
2013	Prabha Varma	Shyamamadhavam
2014	K. R. Meera	Aarachaar
2015	Subhash Chandran	Manushyanu Oru Aamukham
2016	U. K. Kumaran	Thakshankunnu Swaroopam
2017	T. D. Ramakrishnan	Sugandhi Enna Andar Devanayaki
2018	K. V. Mohan Kumar	Ushnarashi
2019	V. J. James	Nireeshwaran
2020	Ezhacherry Ramachandran	Oru Virginian Veyilkaalam

Mathrubhumi Literary Award

Mathrubhumi Sahitya Puraskaram is instituted in 2001 by leading Malayalam daily Mathrubhumi.

The prize money for the award is Rs. 3 lakhs, a plaque and citation constitute the award

- 2018 – N S Madhavan
- 2019 – U A Khader
- 2020 – K Sachidanandan

Muttathu Varkey Award

This award is instituted by the Muttattu Varkey Foundation in memory of novelist Muttathu Varkey.

The award consists of prize money of Rs. 50000, a citation, and a statuette.

- 2018 – K R Meera (Aarachaar)
- 2019 – Benyamin (Aadujeevitham)

Odakkuzhal Award

- 2018 – E V Ramakrishnan (Malayala Novelinte Desakaalanga)
- 2019 – N Prabhakara (Mayamanushyan)

Padmaprabha Literary Award

Padmaprabha Literary Award was instituted in memory of freedom fighter and socialist Padmaprabha.

Award carries a purse of Rs 75,000, a gem-studded ring and plaque

- 2018 – Kalpetta Narayanan
- 2019 – Santosh Echikkanam
- 2020 – SreeKumaran Thampi

ONV Literary Award

ONV Awards are given annually by O. N. V. Cultural Academy from 2017. The prize money for the award is Rs. 3 lakhs.

- 2018 – M T Vasudevan Nair
- 2019 – Akhitham Achyuthan Namboodiri
- 2020 – M Leelavati

Ayyappan Puraskaram

The Ayanam – A. Ayyappan Poetry Award was instituted by Ayanam Samskarika Vedi (Ayanam Cultural Forum) in the memory of celebrated Malayalam poet A. Ayyappan.

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
2011	Vijayalakshmi	Vijayalakshmiyude Kavithakal
2012	P. N. Gopikrishnan	Idikkaloori Panampattadi
2013	Kalpatta Narayanan	Oru Mudanthante Suvishesham
2014	K. R. Tony	Plamenammayi
2016	Veerankutty	Veerankuttyude Kavithakal
2017	Kureepuzha Sreekumar	Uppa
2018	K. V. Baby	K. V. Babyude Kavithakal
2019	P. Raman	Rathri Pantrandarakku Oru Tharattu

Balamani Amma Award

Year	Awardee
2008	Kakkanadan
2011	C. Radhakrishnan
2012	Yusuf Ali Kechery
2013	P. Valsala
2014	M. T. Vasudevan Nair
2015	C. Balakrishnan
2017	K. L. Mohana Varma
2018	Sreekumaran Thampi
2019	T. Padmanabhan[

Basheer Award

Basheer Award was instituted by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer Smaraka Trust and consists of a prize money of Rs. 25,000, certificate of merit and a plaque designed by C. N. Karunakaran.

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
2008	N. Prabhakaran	Thiranedutha Kathakal (
2009	Rafeeq Ahammed	Aalmarā
2010	Sarah Joseph	Ooru Kaaval
2011	B. Rajeevan	Vakkukalum Vasthukkalum
2012	N. S. Madhavan	Ente Priyapetta Kathakal
2013	Attoor Ravi Varma	Attoor Kavithakal
2014	Subhash Chandran	Manushyanu Oru Aamukham
2015	Kalpatta Narayanan	Kavithayude Jeevacharithram
2016	Ashitha	Ashithayude Kathakal
2017	Sebastian	Prethi Shareeram
2018	V. J. James	Nireeshwaran
2019	T. Padmanabhan	Maraya

Kadammanitta Ramakrishnan Award

The awards consist of a prize money of Rs. 55,555/- and a citation

Year	Awardee
2015	O. N. V. Kurup
2016	Ashok Vajpeyi
2017	V. Madhusoodanan Nair
2018	Chandrashekhara Kambara
2019	Sugathakumari
2020	K. G. Sankara Pillai

Kamala Surayya Award

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
2010	Savithri Rajeevan	Savithri Rajeevante Kavithakal
	Vaisakhan	Silencer
2011	K. G. Sankara Pillai	Orma Kondu Thurakkavunna Vathilukal
	Punathil Kunjabdulla	Ente Kamukimarum Mattu Kathakalum
2012	O. N. V. Kurup	Dinantham
	M. Mukundan	Delhi Gadhakal

Lalithambika Antharjanam Smaraka Sahitya Award

The award, instituted in the memory of Lalithambika Antharjanam, is given in two categories: one for Lifetime Contribution to Malayalam Literature and the other for Best Young Woman Writer.

Year	Awardee
1992	Vaikkom Muhammad Basheer, B. M. Suhara
1993	Balamani Amma, Vijayalakshmi
1994	Sukumar Azhikode, Ashita
1995	S. Guptan Nair, Gracy
1996	Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri, Shobha Warriar
1997	N. P. Mohammed, K. P. Sudheera
1998	T. Padmanabhan, S. Lakshmi Devi
1999	M. Leelavathi, Rosemary
2000	K. T. Muhammed, Geetha
2001	Sugathakumari, Prameela Devi
2002	Ponkunnam Varkey, Mayadevi
2003	M. T. Vasudevan Nair, A. S. Priya
2004	C. Radhakrishnan, K. R. Meera

Malayattoor Award

The literary prize was instituted in 2006 by Malayattoor Smaraka Samithi in the name of writer Malayattoor Ramakrishnan.

Award consists of a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a citation, and statuette.

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
2006	Perumbadavam Sreedharan	Narayanam
2007	K. P. Ramanunni	Jeevithathinte Pusthakam
2010	N. Prabhakaran	Janakatha
2012	Unnikrishnan Thiruvazhiyode	Rathi Rathya
2013	Prabha Varma	Shyama Madhavam
2015	V. Madhusoodanan Nair	Achchan Piranna Veedu
2016	T. D. Ramakrishnan	Sugandhi Enna Andal Devanayaki
2017	Satheesh Babu Payyanur	Khamarunnisayude Koottukari
2018	Zacharia	Then
2019		
2020	George Onakkoor	Hridaya Raagangal

Nooranad Haneef Award

The literary prize is instituted in the name of writer Nooranad Haneef.

The awards consist of a cash prize of ₹ 25,001 and citation and is given for writers under the age of 45.

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
2011	V. M. Devadas	Pannivetta
2012	E. Santhosh Kumar	-
2013	K. R. Meera	Aarachaar
2014	Benyamin	Manjaveyil Maranangal
2015	Susmesh Chandroth	Paper Lodge
2016	Shemi	Nadavaziyile Nerukal
2017	Sangeetha Sreenivasan	Acid
2018	Sonia Rafeeq	Herbarium
2019	G. R. Indugopan Padinjare Kollam	Chorakkalam
2020	V. Shinilal	Sambarkkakanthi

P. Kunhiraman Nair Award

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
1997	K. Satchidanandan	Malayalam
1998	Prabha Varma	Chandana Nazhi
1999	Puthussery Ramachandran	Utsava Bali
2000	Desamangalam Ramakrishnan	Maravi Ezhuthunnathu
2001	Vijayalakshmi	Mazhathan Mattetho Mukham
2002	O. N. V. Kurup	Ee Purathana Kinnaram
2003	D. Vinayachandran	Samasthakeralam P. O.
2004	Chemmanam Chacko	Ottayal Pattalam
2005	Attoor Ravi Varma	Attoor Ravi Varmayude Kavithakal – Bhaagam 2
2006	K. Ayyappa Paniker	K. Ayyappa Panikerude Kavithakal
2007	Sugathakumari	Manalezhuthu
2008	Vishnunarayanan Namboothiri	Uttarayanam
2009	P. K. Gopi	Sushumnayile Sangeetham
2010	Ettumanoor Somadasan	Jalasadham
2011	C. Radhakrishnan	NA
2012	Attoor Ravi Varma	NA
2013	P. P. Ramachandran	Katte Kadale

Thanima Puraskaram

Year	Awardee	Literary Works
2009	Jayarathnam Paatyam	Six Days More
2010	Rasheed Parakkal	Oru Thakkali Krishikkarante Swapnangal
2011	J. Anil Kumar	Bibleil Krishnan, Mayilppeeli, Pranayam
2012	Sulfikar	Marannu Vacha Kudakal
2013	Dr. B. Balachandran	Keraleeya Vasthra Paramparyam
2014	Radhakrishnan Perambra	Red Alert
2015	E. M. Sakeer Hussain	Jerusaleminte Suvishemam
2016	Abubakkar Kappadu	Chollum Chelum
2017	Dr. K. T. Jaleel	Malabar Kalapam Oru Punar Vayana
2018	V. N. Prasannan	P. Gangadharan: Nishkasithanaya Navothana Nayakan
2019	Prasanth Babu Kaithapram	Derappan

Thakazhi Award

The award was instituted in 2014 by Thakazhi Smaraka Samiti and Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala in the memory of renowned writer Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai.

The award money is Rs. 50,000/-, a citation and a plaque.

The first award was received by Prof. G. Balachandran for his work Thakazhiyude Sargapadhangal.

Except for the inaugural award, the award has been given for a writer's overall contributions to Malayalam literature.

Year	Awardee
2014	G. Balachandran
2015	M. T. Vasudevan Nair
2016	C. Radhakrishnan
2017	Not Applicable
2018	T. Padmanabhan
2019	Not Applicable
2020	Sreekumaran Thampi

Thoppil Bhasi Award

The award consists of a prize money of Rs.33,333/-, a sculpture and a citation.

Year	Awardee
2011	O. N. V. Kurup
2012	K. P. A. C. Lalitha
2013	Thomas Jacob

2015	Kavalam Narayana Panicker
2016	Puthussery Ramachandran
2017	Nedumudi Venu
2018	Raghavan
2019	Manoj Narayanan

