

Jnanpith Award for Krishna Sobti

Hindi litterateur Krishna Sobti has been chosen for this year's Jnanpith Award, the Jnanpith Selection Board announced on Friday.

"The Jnanpith Selection Board has announced the recipient of the 53rd Jnanpith Award for the year 2017 in a meeting. It went to eminent Hindi Litterateur Krishna Sobti," the Board said in a statement.

Born in 1925 in Gujarat, now in Pakistan, Ms. Sobti, 92, is known for experimenting with new writing styles and creating "bold" and "daring" characters in her stories who were ready to accept all challenges.

Her language is highly influenced by the intermingling of Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi cultures.

"Sobti is a path breaking novelist. She has immensely enriched Hindi literature," the statement by the board chaired by noted scholar, writer and critic Namwar Singh, said.

The writer's choice of subjects spans Partition, relationships between men and women, the changing dynamics of Indian society, and the gradual deterioration of human values.

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