

Author of the Week: Girish Karnad



Girish Raghunath Karnad is a contemporary writer, playwright, screenwriter, actor and movie director in Kannada language. His rise as a playwright in 1960s, marked the coming of age of Modern Indian playwriting in Kannada, He is a recipient of the 1998 Jnanpith Award, the highest literary honor conferred in India.

After working with the Oxford University Press, Chennai for seven years he resigned to take to writing full-time. While in Chennai he got involved with local amateur theatre group, The Madras Players. During 1987-88, he was at the University of Chicago as Visiting Professor and Fulbright Playwright-in-Residence. During his tenure at Chicago Nagamandala had its world premiere at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis based on Karnad's English translation of the Kannada original. Most recently, he served as director of the Nehru Centre and as Minister of Culture, in the Indian High Commission, London (2000-2003).

Awards and honors For literature

- Padma Shri – 1974
- Padma Bhushan – 1992
- Kannada Sahitya Academy award – 1992
- Sahitya Academy award – 1994
- Jnanpith Award – 1998
- Kalidas Samman – 1998
- D. Litt., Karnatak University – 1994
- Honorary Doctorate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles – 2011

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