

# Muse India

the literary ejournal

## Muse India Translation Award 2025

### SUBMISSIONS INVITED

**Last date for submission: Dec 20, 2025**

**Muse India** (<https://museindia.com>) is a leading literary web journal that showcases Indian Writing in English and the regional literatures of India in English translation. The journal is widely respected for its thematic coverage and distinguished panel of Contributing Editors from across India. Established in 2005 by a group of writers, it has an active membership base of over 10,000 members from more than 70 countries and attracts nearly 10,000 visits to its site each month.

The Muse India Translation Award and the Muse India Young Writer Award are given in alternate years.

**Muse India** takes pleasure in announcing the **Muse India – GSP Rao Translation Award 2025** for an outstanding work of translation from an Indian language into English, by an Indian national.

The past winners of the Muse India Translation Award are Ranjit Hoskote, Arunava Sinha, Mustansir Dalvi, Priya Sarukkai Chabria & Ravi Shankar (jointly), Neer Kamal Mani & Moyna Mazumdar (jointly), and Madhu Sriwastav.

### Submissions invited

Submissions are now invited from authors, translators and publishers for consideration for the 2025 award. The main objective of the award is to recognise exceptional literary merit in a translated work, and the effort involved in bringing significant works of Indian languages—classics or contemporary works—to a wider audience.

### THE AWARD

The award will comprise a **cash prize of Rs 25,000 (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only)** and a Certificate.

**‘Certificate of Honourable Mention’** will be awarded to **two other outstanding submissions**. There will be no cash component for this.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. **Books published in English only**, being a translation of an Indian language work. Original books in the Indian language need not be submitted along with the translated publication.
2. **Books of any creative literary genre** (poetry, short stories, novels, plays, etc.). **Creative Non-fiction** (historical biographies, travelogues, memoirs, etc) will also be eligible, **but not academic or research works**. In case of doubt, please check with the undersigned

3. Books published during the **two calendar years of 2024 and 2025**.
4. Books should have been translated preferably only by one person, or at the most two. The translator(s) should be **Indian citizens** - Resident or Non-Resident.
5. **E-books published by reputed publishers** will also be eligible. **However, only printed copies of the book must be submitted**, along with complete details of the Publisher.
6. Self-published books or self-published E-books are not eligible.
7. **The following must be sent to the address given below:**
  - a. 2 printed copies of the book (More copies may be required later if the book is short-listed for the award), along with a covering letter.
  - b. The following to be sent, either along with the books or separately by email to the undersigned:
    - i. Detailed bio-notes/profiles of the original author and translator and their photos.
    - ii. Consent of the original author for the translation (if living, or that of their heirs). This may be waived for books published by major publishers.
    - iii. Contact phone number and email address of the translator.

#### **LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION**

Submissions should reach Muse India at the address given below by **Dec 20, 2025**.

#### **JURY**

A distinguished panel of judges comprising writers and scholars, besides Muse India Editors and Contributing Editors, will assess the entries and select the award winner.

#### **Entries must be sent to:**

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