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Bharatiya Jnanpith presents the Jnanpith Award for the year 2002 to the distinguished Tamil writer Shri D. Jayakanthan, for his outstanding contribution to Indian literature.

Born in Manjakkuppam of district Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu) in the year 1934, Shri D. Jayakanthan is a distinguished writer with a social and humanist concern. A master in the art of story-telling, he has touched a wide range of themes with daring and innovative experimentations that essentially represent his cultural and philosophical milieu. He harmonises poetic and dialogic features and his characterization is vivid and multidimensional.

The publication of his first short story 'Soubhagyam' in the year 1950 gives us an insight into his literary genius and marks the arrival of a giant in the Tamil literature. Shri Jayakanthan has penned innumerable short stories, novellas and novels. He has also contributed to the non-fictional writing in a meaningful way. He has enriched Indian literature through Tamil writings like 'Oru Manidhan Oru Veedu Oru Ulagam' 'Sila Nerangali Sila Manidhargal' 'Yugasandhi' 'Vizhuchugal' 'Jaya Jaya Sankara' and many other masterpieces.

Honoured with senior fellowship of Sahitya Akademi, Sri Jayakanthan has won many laurels including Sahitya Akademi Award, Soviet Land Nehru Award, Rajarajan Award, and Tamil Nadu Government Award. He has also been honoured as a distinguished fellow of Sahitya Akademi.

Bharatiya Jnanpith wishes Shri D. Jayakanthan a long and creative life.

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