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The Nobel Prize for Literature 2023 has been awarded to Norwegian author Jon Olav Fosse, for his “innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable”.

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Work of Jon Fosse:

- Jon Fosse writes in **Norwegian Nynorsk**, the least common of the two official versions of Norwegian.
- He presents **everyday situations** that are instantly recognisable to an Individual in his own life.
- His **radical reduction** of language and dramatic action expresses the most powerful **human emotions** of **anxiety** and **powerlessness** in the **simplest terms**.
- His **themes explore** the **absurdity**, the **futility** and yet the power of the human condition; **everyday confusions** and **irresolutions**; and the difficulty to form actual connections, despite — and sometimes because of — conversation.
- It is his ability to evoke **man's loss of orientation**, and how this paradoxically can provide access to a deeper experience **close to divinity**, that he has come to be regarded as a major **innovator in contemporary theatre**.

Who was the first and only Indian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature?

- **Rabindranath Tagore:** He won because of his profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse, by which, with consummate skill, he has made his poetic thought, expressed in his own English words, a part of the literature of the West.

Why is Noble prize given?

- The Nobel Prizes are **five separate prizes** that, according to **Alfred Nobel's will of 1895**, are awarded to "those who, during the preceding year, have conferred the **greatest benefit to humankind**."
 - Alfred Nobel was a Swedish chemist, engineer, and industrialist most famously known for the **invention of dynamite**.
- Nobel Prizes are awarded in the fields of **Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace**.
- The prize ceremonies take **place annually**.
- Each recipient (Laureate) receives a **green gold medal plated** with 24 karat gold, a diploma, and a monetary award.