A Celebrated Voice of Hindi Theatre Honoured: Jaivardhan (J. P. Singh) Conferred with Sahitya Bhushan Samman



On 14 March 2026, a dignified and culturally significant ceremony held at Crowne Plaza, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi, marked a proud moment for Hindi theatre as veteran playwright **Jaivardhan (J. P. Singh**) was conferred with the prestigious

“Sahitya Bhushan Samman.” Organized by BPA Foundation and India Netbooks, the event brought together eminent figures from the world of literature and theatre, lending it both gravitas and warmth. The honour was presented by noted writer Mamta Kalia and distinguished playwright Pratap Sehgal, making the occasion even more memorable.

This recognition stands as a fitting tribute to **Jaivardhan’s** long and impactful contribution to Hindi dramaturgy. Widely known in theatre circles as J. P. Singh, he has carved a niche for himself through decades of dedicated creative pursuit. His body of work, comprising 22 full-length plays and 6 children’s plays, reflects remarkable thematic diversity, ranging from social and historical narratives to deeply psychological explorations. His writing is distinguished by powerful dialogue, strong characterization, and an inherent sense of stagecraft that makes his plays both intellectually engaging and theatrically effective.

Among his notable works are *Jhansi Ki Rani*, *Arjent Meeting*, *Gandhari*, *Babu Harishchandra*, *Kissa Maujpur Ka*, *Kalpurush*, *Yugpurush*, *Paro*, and *Nirjan Karavas*. These plays have been widely performed across India and abroad, demonstrating their enduring relevance and appeal. His successful dramatic adaptation of Munshi Premchand’s classic novel *Godaan* further highlights his creative versatility and sensitivity toward literary heritage.

Jaivardhan’s contributions have been acknowledged by several prestigious institutions over the years. He has received honours from the Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi, Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan (Lucknow), and various theatre organizations in Delhi. Notably, the World Hindi Secretariat, Mauritius awarded him first prize for his play *Kalachakra*, and the Bhartendu Natya Akademi, Lucknow conferred upon him an honorary title, underscoring his stature in the field.

Beyond writing, his involvement in the administrative and

cultural spheres has also been substantial. His long tenure of approximately 31 years with the Sahitya Kala Parishad, Delhi, significantly contributed to the enrichment of the capital's theatrical environment. Currently serving as an Associate Professor in the Film and Drama Department at Amity University, Noida, he continues to inspire and mentor a new generation of theatre practitioners.

Jaivardhan is not only a prolific playwright but also an accomplished director and actor, embodying a truly multifaceted theatrical personality. The conferment of the "Sahitya Bhushan Samman" is therefore not merely a recognition of his individual achievements, but also a celebration of the enduring tradition of Hindi theatre—one that continues to reflect society, history, and human sensibilities with depth and power.