



## **Godrej Literature Live! Announces Lifetime Achievement Award for Shri Vinod Kumar Shukla**

*~Vinod Kumar Shukla to be honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at upcoming Mumbai LitFest*

**Raipur, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025:** A leading figure in Indian Literature will be felicitated at the 16th edition of Literature Live! The Mumbai Litfest this year. The Godrej Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to the acclaimed and distinguished Hindi novelist and poet Vinod Kumar Shukla.

A most revered and widely translated modern Hindi novelist and poet, known for his style of almost magic-realism as expressed in his best-known books *Naukar Ki Kameez* and *Deewar Mein Ek Khirkee Rahati Thi*, Vinod Kumar Shukla has won both of India's highest literary awards - the Sahitya Akademi Award and the Jnanpith Award. He is also the only Indian author to have received the PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature. He holds an MSc degree in Agriculture which he taught at university level.

**Accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award Mr Shukla said:** *"Writing is an attempt to speak, to express oneself, to search for one's own voice. In this search for expression, we take the help of symbols, images, and metaphors. If we read well, we also move ahead. Therefore, it is necessary that we recognize our original voice and return to it again and again. For me, the ultimate truth is that the beginning of writing was with poetry, and the end too will be with poetry. I thank you all for the Godrej Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award 2025."*

**Nadir Godrej, Chairman & Managing Director Godrej Industries,** said: *"We are privileged that Vinod Kumar Shukla, one of the giants of the Indian literary stage, will be accepting the Lifetime Achievement award at this year's Literature Live! The Mumbai Litfest. He is one of the revered names in the world of Hindi literature and having him at the festival is not only a matter of immense pride but also highlights the richness and variety of India's literary canvas."*

**Past recipients of the Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award include:** Pratibha Ray, C S Lakshmi, Mahesh Elkunchwar, Anita Desai, Ruskin Bond, Shanta Gokhale, Sir Mark Tully, Girish Karnad, Amitav Ghosh, Kiran Nagarkar, M T Vasudevan Nair, Khushwant Singh, Sir V S Naipaul, Mahasweta Devi.