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Kanavu Illam (Dream House) Scheme for Tamil Writers

Tamil Nadu gives a house to Tamil writers who have won certain top literary awards, either a Housing Board unit or a house built in their chosen district.

What you may get

Award winners get a Tamil Nadu Housing Board high-income-group house, or a 1500 sq ft house built in the district they choose. Sahitya Akademi translation award winners can get a middle-income-group unit worth up to Rs 40,00,000 including registration cost. Houses go to at most 10 award winners in a financial year.

Who it is for

Tamil writers who have won the Sahitya Akademi, Jnanpith, Tolkappiyar, Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil or Nobel award for Tamil literature, and Tamil translators with the Sahitya Akademi translation award.

Main conditions

- The writer has won one of the listed awards: Sahitya Akademi, Jnanpith, Tolkappiyar, Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil award or the Nobel Prize for Tamil literature.
- Central and state government employees and pensioners who hold the award can also benefit.
- The award winner or spouse must not have already received a flat, plot or house at a concession price, free or at market price through the Housing Board, a government body or the District Collector.
- Owning a house already does not stop an application.
- The house cannot be used for business, sold during the owner's lifetime, moved to heirs' names or shared through a joint deed.

Status

Active

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