

List of Indian Nobel Prize Winners

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A total of 904 people have received the Nobel Prize (852 men and 52 women) organisations since its inception in 1901. There are 12 Indians among the honorees (five Indian citizens and eight Indian ancestries or residency). In 1913, Rabindranath Tagore became the first Indian citizen and the first Asian to receive the Nobel prize.

The only woman on the list of recipients is Mother Teresa. Sri Aurobindo, an Indian poet, philosopher, patriot, and founder of integral yoga, was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1943 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. However, both nominations were unsuccessful.

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British Indian citizens

Year	Laureate	Field	Rationale
1913	Rabindranath Tagore	Literature	"Because of his profoundly sensitive, fresh, and beautiful verse, by which he has made his poetic thought, expressed in his own English words, a part of Western literature."
1930	C. V. Raman	Physics	"In recognition of his work on light scattering and the discovery of the effect named after him."

Citizens of India's Republic

Year	Laureate	Field	Rationale
1979	Mother Teresa	Peace	"In recognition of her efforts to assist suffering humanity"
1998	Amartya Sen	Economics	"In recognition of his contributions to welfare economics."

2014	Kailash Satyarthi	Peace	<i>"For their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education."</i>
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Indian-origin citizens living in other countries

Year	Laureate	Nationality	Field	Rationale
1968	Har Gobind Khorana	United States (born in Raipur, British India)	Physiology or Medicine	"In recognition of their interpretation of the genetic code and its role in protein synthesis."
1983	Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar	United States (born in Lahore, British India)	Physics	"In recognition of his theoretical studies of physical processes important to the structure and evolution of stars."

2009	Venki Ramakrishnan	United Kingdom United States (born in Chidambaram, India)	Chemistry	"Macromolecular crystallography for the structure and function of the ribosome"
2019	Abhijit Banerjee	United States (born in Calcutta, India)	Economics	"For their innovative approach to alleviating global poverty."

Other Nobel Prize Winners

Year	Laureate	Country of residence	Field	Rationale
1902	Ronald Ross	United Kingdom (born in Almora, British India)	Physiology or Medicine	<i>"For his work on malaria, by which he has shown how it enters the organism and thereby has laid the foundation for successful research on this disease and methods of combating"</i>

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1907	Rudyard Kipling	United Kingdom (born in Bombay, British India)	Literature	<i>"In consideration of the power of observation, originality of imagination, virility of ideas and remarkable talent for narration which characterize the creations of this world-famous author."</i>
1989	14th Dalai Lama	India (born in Taktser, Tibet)	Peace	<i>"For his consistent resistance to the use of violence in his people's struggle to regain their liberty."</i>
2001	V.S.Naipaul	United Kingdom (Born in Chaguana)	Literature	<i>"For Indian Ancestry"</i>

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