

Jharkhand -Capital : Ranchi

Jharkhand's literary history spans ancient oral traditions to modern print, evolving from nature-focused tribal folklore (Santhali, Munda, Oraon) through missionary-influenced colonial writings, to post-independence development in regional languages like Nagpuri, Khortha, Santhali and Hindi, exploring tribal identity, culture, and socio-political themes. Key phases include rich folklore (pre-colonial), religious/educational texts (colonial), and diverse modern works (post-2000 statehood), featuring poets like Bhikhari Thakur and scholars like Lako Bodra, reflecting deep connections to the land and community.



Jharkhand doesn't have a single literary script but uses several, notably Devanagari for major languages like Hindi & Nagpuri, and the newer Tolong Siki script for the Kurukh language (Oraon), created by Dr. Narayan Oraon, recognized by the state in 2007 for rich tribal literature. Other languages like Ho use Barang Chiti or Devanagari, while Santali famously uses Ol Chiki, reflecting diverse tribal identities in its rich oral and written traditions.

हरह लोह (Vowels)		Nurakh Numerals	
अ	ā	०	०
इ	i	१	१
उ	u	२	२
ए	e	३	३
ऐ	ai	४	४
ओ	o	५	५
अ	ā	६	६
इ	i	७	७
उ	u	८	८
ए	e	९	९
ऐ	ai	१०	१०
ओ	o		

Jharkhand's prominent writers and authors enrich its diverse literature, focusing on tribal life, social issues, and local dialects (Santhali, Mundari, Nagpuri). Key figures include Dr. Ram Dayal Munda, a tribal cultural icon; Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar, exploring indigenous experiences; and activists like Vandana Tete and Dayamani Barla.

Other notable names are Vishwanath Sahdeo, Jaipal Singh Munda, Bulu Imam, and contemporary voices like Anuj Lugun, Mahua Maji, and Nikita Singh, showcasing Jharkhand's unique literary landscape.



The Jamshedpur Literature Festival, a grand fiesta of literature, culture, and creative thought, scheduled for December 20-21, 2025, the festival will bring together eminent literary and cultural personalities from across the country.

During this prestigious event, 15 distinguished authors will be honored with the “Shabd Shilpi Samman” each carrying a prize of ₹1,00,000. Additionally, one Lifetime Achievement Award of ₹5,00,000 will be conferred.

The two-day festival will feature multiple thought provoking sessions involving leading voices in the fields of education, literature, journalism, cinema, and including Bhartiya intellectual tradition.