

# Chennaveera Kanavi

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**In news–** Channaveera Kanavi, a prominent figure in modern Kannada literature and often referred to as **'Samanvaya Kavi' (Poet of Reconciliation), Chembelakina Kavi (Poet of Beautiful Light)**, breathed his last recently.

## **About Channaveera Kanavi-**

- Nadoja Chennaveera Kanavi was a Kannada poet, critic and professor whose poems spoke of simplicities of life.
- Nadoja is an honour conferred upon him in memory of the first Kannada poet Pampa, who is described as Nadoja means 'someone who belongs to all nadu (places)'.
- He was born on June 18, 1928 at Hombal village in Gadag district, Karnataka.
- He bloomed into a poet at Karnatak College under the guidance of then principal V.K. Gokak, a Jnanpith Award winner.
- His **first work Kavyakshi (1949)**– a poetry collection – came out when he was 21.
- He has published more than 55 books, including collections of essays and on literary criticism.
- From 1956 to 1983 he worked as a Director for 'Prasaranga' of Karnataka University
- The modern Kannada literary culture, pioneered by **Shanta Kavi**, had come of age with a great poet like Da.Ra. Bendre and his Geleyara Gumpu (Friends' Circle).
- Kanavi's oeuvre consists of 8 collections of poetry and they deal with varied themes: nature, love, friendship, children, people, places, democracy.
- His wife Shantadevi Kanavi was also a distinguished writer who passed away in 2020.
- He was honoured with the Central Sahitya Akademi award for his **collection of poems 'Jeevadhvani'** in 1982, Karnataka Sahitya Akademi Award in 1985, Karnataka Rajyotsava Award in 1989, Pampa Award in 1999, 'Nadoja'

honorary D Litt by Hampi Kannada University in 2002, honorary doctorate by Karnatak University in 2004 and Ambikatanayadatta National Award in 2012.

- He **presided over the 65th Akhila Bharat Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held at Hassan in 1996.**
- He inaugurated the 'Mysuru Dasara Utsav' in 2016.