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The Nobel Prize for literature this year has gone to a Swedish poet. Writers and poets of various languages have been similarly honoured in the past. We had Rabindra Nath Tagore almost a century ago. Urdu, like English, had its origin in a particular era and in a particular area, then the language began expanding and spreading in all dimensions and directions, and at the same time went on borrowing, bartering and assimilating words and ideas from other languages that came in close contact. Through this process of give and take Urdu has already assumed an exalted position in the comity of languages. Is it not the time for the Urdu world to start the exercise for finding, proposing and promoting a suitable name for a Nobel Prize? Desire is a powerful engine to drive upto the desired goal.

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