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Krushna Dande wins Speculative Literature Foundation's 2025 A.C. Bose Grant

July 2025 — The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce Krushna Dande as the winner of the 2025 A.C. Bose Grant.

Dande's winning piece is The Keeper of the Ship.

Krushna Dande is a writer, artist, and musician living in New Delhi, India. His academic research on topics such as reading planetary history, death in roguelike videogames, Cold War fantasies of space colonisation, and Jorge Luis Borges have been presented at international conferences in Kolkata, London, and Lisbon. He is currently a Ph.D. scholar at Jawaharlal Nehru University, where he researches the relationship between science fiction, conspiracy theory, and esotericism.

The A.C. Bose Grant is awarded annually to South Asian or Desi diaspora writers developing speculative fiction. It was established in 2019 in memory of Ashim Chandra Bose, a lover of books - especially science fiction and fantasy. Bose's children, Rupa Bose and Gautam Bose, founded the grant to honor the legacy of the worlds their father opened up for them. The 2026 A.C. Bose Grant will open for submissions Jan. 1, 2026. Visit <u>speculativeliterature.org/grants</u> for more information.

The Speculative Literature Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting literary quality in speculative fiction by encouraging promising new writers, assisting established writers, facilitating the work of quality magazines and small presses in the genre, and developing a greater public appreciation of speculative fiction. For more information, visit <u>speculativeliterature.org</u>.

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