Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov wins International Booker Prize for 'Time Shelter

Georgi Gospodinov's captivating novel, "Time Shelter," translated by Angela Rodel, has secured the prestigious 2023 International Booker Prize. This remarkable achievement marks the first time a Bulgarian novel has been awarded this renowned literary honor.

Time Shelter

- The novel, which was first published in Bulgarian in 2020, is a witty and inventive exploration of the human obsession with the past and the future, and the consequences of trying to escape the present.

- The novel follows a diverse cast of characters who seek refuge in a mysterious underground facility called Time Shelter, where they can relive their memories or project themselves into different scenarios.

  o Some of them are fleeing from personal traumas, others are looking for a better version of themselves, and some are just curious about the possibilities of time travel. However, as they soon discover, Time Shelter is not a haven, but a trap that exposes their deepest fears and desires.

International Booker Prize

- The International Booker Prize (formerly known as the Man Booker International Prize) is a literary award given out in the United Kingdom.

- The award has been granted yearly to a single book that has been translated into English and published in the United Kingdom or Ireland, with the winning title receiving a £50,000 prize that is split equally between the author and translator