

Important Awards

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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

- 2021 Nobel Prize Chemistry was awarded to Benjamin List and David MacMillan for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis.
- The 2021 Nobel Prize in Physics is awarded with one half jointly to Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann and the other half to Giorgio Parisi “for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems. This is the first time climate scientists (Manabe and Hasselmann) have been awarded the Physics Nobel.
- Two United States-based scientists, David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian, have been awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize for Physiology/Medicine for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch.
- The 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded to novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah “for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents”.
- The 2021 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences has been awarded in one half to Canadian-born David Card and the other half jointly to Israeli-American Joshua D Angrist and Dutch-American Guido W Imbens. David Card has been awarded for his empirical contributions to labour economics. Joshua D Angrist and Guido W Imbens won the award “for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships.
- 2021 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to journalists Maria Ressa of the Philippines and Dmitry Muratov of Russia for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace. In 2020, the award was given to the World Food Programme (WFP), a United Nations (UN) agency.

- The Nobel Peace Prize that Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov was auctioning off to raise money for Ukrainian child refugees sold for USD103.5 million, shattering the old record for a Nobel.
- Previously, the most ever paid for a Nobel Prize medal was in 2014, when James Watson, whose co-discovery of the structure of DNA earned him a Nobel Prize in 1962, sold his medal for USD4.76 million.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the first Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award.

- The Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award was instituted in the memory and honor of legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar, who had passed away at the age of 92 in February 2022.
- 80th annual Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Awards ceremony held in Mumbai.
- The award will be given every year to only one individual who has made path-breaking, spectacular and exemplary contributions to the nation, its people, and the society, as per the statement by the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishthan Charitable Trust.
- Lata Mangeshkar, also known as the 'Nightingale of India'
- Lata Mangeshkar was bestowed with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1989
- In 2001, she was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour
- Deenanath Mangeshkar was the father of Lata Mangeshkar

Mamta Banerjee Award Issue

- On the 161st birth anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore, that the West Bengal Government announced it was instituting a new award, to be given once in three years, to honour those enriching Bengali literature, and that Chief

Minister Mamata Banerjee, as the author of a poetry collection titled *Kobita Bitan*, would be its first recipient.

- But soon afterwards, writer-researcher Ratna Rashid Bandopadhyay issued a statement, in Bengali, that she was returning the Annada Shankar Ray Memorial Award that she had received from the Bangla Academy in 2019.
- The Bangla Academy, by giving the award to the Chief Minister, has not only set a dangerous precedent but also insulted all those who are actively involved in enriching Bengali literature.

Indian writer Geetanjali Shree along with American translator Daisy Rockwell has won the 2022 International Booker Prize for the book titled “Tomb of Sand.”

- This book has been originally written in Hindi and is the first book in any Indian language to have won this high-profile award.
- The original name of the book is “Ret Samadhi.”

ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers received the Global Health Leaders Award-2022

World Health Organization (WHO) said that ASHA workers were honored for their key role in linking the community with health care, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. They were one of the six recipients of the award.

The other five recipients are:

- Eight volunteer polio workers who were shot and killed by gunmen in Afghanistan in February this year.
- Dr. Paul Farmer for his contribution to providing services for marginalized people.
- Dr. Ahmed Hankir for his anti-stigma program that blends storytelling with psychiatry.
- Volleyball player Ludmila Sofia Oliveira Varela for facilitating access to sports as an alternative to risky behavior in youth.

- Yohei Sasakawa for his global fight against leprosy and the associated stigma.

The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) first established the role of ASHA workers in 2005.

A female resident of the respective village, who is married, widowed, or divorced in the age group of 25 to 45 years qualified up to the tenth grade, will be selected as an ASHA worker by the gram Panchayat (local government).

ASHA workers are paid an honorarium in the range of Rs 7,000 – Rs 10,000 per month for their services. They also receive outcome-based remuneration.

2022 Templeton Prize was awarded to Frank Wilczek

- A theoretical physicist who had won the Nobel Prize, author, and professor at the Arizona State University.

DadasahebPhalke International Film Festival Awards 2022

Film of the year award was given to Pushpa : the Rise

The Best Film Award was given to : Shershaah

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh for 83

Best Actress Kirti Sanon for Mimi

The Best Director was given to Ken Ghosh for film state of Siege: Temple Attack

Sahitya Academy Awards

In English Language Namita Gokhale for Things to leave behind

Punjabi was given to Khalid Hussain

Hindi was given to Daya Prakash Sinha

Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP)

- Under Samagra Shiksha Scheme a SVP is given to the schools (Govt aided and Private) who have undertaken exemplary work in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene
- 40 schools were selected

Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi has been conferred the Royal Gold Medal 2022.

- This award is said to be one of the world's highest honours that one can receive in the field of architecture.
- This award is presented to recognize a lifetime's work of an individual that had a significant impact on advancing the field of architecture.
- Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom personally approves this prestigious medal.

The Bengali translation of the French novel “Meursault, contre- enquête” (The Meursault Investigation) was awarded the Romain Rolland Book Prize 2022.

- Algerian journalist and writer Kamel Daoud's debut novel.
- This prize was awarded to publisher Esha Chatterjee and translator Trinanjan Chakraborty of Patra Bharati.
- This award was given during the “French Literary Festival- French LitFest 2022” that was held at Bikaner House, New Delhi on 7th May 2022. The French Institute in India had organized this award ceremony.

Pulitzer Prize 2022

- Joshua Cohen won the Pulitzer Prize 2022 for Fiction for his book 'The Netanyahus'

- Feature Photography: Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo, Amit Dave and the late Danish Siddiqui of Reuters for images of Covid's toll in India.
- The journalists from Ukraine who are working effortlessly to bring out the reports of the ongoing war were recognized with a special citation.
- Siddiqui was killed while covering a clash between Afghan Special forces and Taliban insurgents

Anna Qabale Duba from Marsabit County, Kenya was conferred the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2022

Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) has been awarded with the UNESCO's King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for year 2021.

- Use of ICT in PM e-Vidya scheme" by Ministry of Education won UNESCO's recognition
- PM eVIDYA programme was launched by Ministry of Education is a programme that unifies all efforts associated to digital, on-air, online education, in order to enable multi-mode access for imparting education using technology to minimise learning losses
- CIET was awarded for use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education. CIET is a constituent unit of the NCERT.

Rashtriya Puruskar Portal

- A common 'Rashtriya Puruskar Portal' has been developed by Government, to invite nominations for various awards, in order to bring all the Awards of different Ministries or Departments or Agencies under one digital platform.

2nd edition of “Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning 2022”

- District Skill Development Planning Awards 2022 was given to Top 30 districts, for their innovative best practices in skill development.
- Rajkot (Gujarat), Cachar (Assam) and Satara (Maharashtra), were ranked among the top three districts, respectively.

India Pharma Awards 2022, and India Medical Device Awards 2022

- Given by the Minister of State for the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagwanth Khuba.
- Indian Pharma Leader of the Year: Cipla Ltd.
- India Pharma Innovation: Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Meghalaya’s Planning Department’s initiative of the “e-Proposal System won the UN Award – World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum Prizes 2022.

The “e-Proposal System” is a part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA), which eliminates 75 per cent physical work of files in all government departments in the state.

Cynthia Rosenzweig, NASA’s head of the Climate Impacts Group and a senior research scientist at Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) received World Food Prize Foundation

International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat, and Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh in New Delhi.

Civil Aviation Ministry's UDAN scheme selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy among five winners of John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in US

Kishore Kumar Das of Bangladesh wins UK's Commonwealth Points of Light Award

2022 Whitley wildlife conservation award winners announced; Whitley gold award, worth £100,000, won by Dr Charudutt Mishra, the world expert on snow leopards

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (UN-FAO) along with Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Hyderabad and Mumbai jointly as the '2021 Tree City of the World.'

- Won due to their commitment to maintaining and growing greenery and urban trees so as to build resilient, healthy, and happy cities.
- This is the first time Mumbai has made it to the list.
- Hyderabad has been featured on this list for the second consecutive year.

Sangeet Natak Awards and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship for the year 2018 to 43 eminent artists (4 Fellows and 40 awardees). The Fellowships and National Awards of the Lalit Kala Akademi for the year 2021 were also presented by him to 23 people (3 Fellows and 20 National Awards).

Who received Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship?

- Sonal Mansingh
- Thiruvaidaimarudur Kuppiah Kalyanasundaram
- Jatin Goswami

- Zakir Hussain

Lalit Kala Akademi Awards

These awards are bestowed upon individuals with the aim of recognizing their outstanding work in the field of art. Three fellows: Jyoti Bhatt, Himmat Shah and Shyam Sharma

Kerala has won the award for the ‘city with the most Sustainable Transport System’. Presented by the Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs

- The award is given in recognition of the transport facilities in various states and Union Territories of India.
- The award has been given in recognition of the projects implemented — like Kochi Metro, Water Metro (Water Connectivity with the same experience as metro) and E-mobility — to enhance the transport facilities in the city of Kochi.

2022 LAUREUS WORLD SPORTS AWARDS

- Sportsman of the Year Award: Max Verstappen (Formula One racing)
- Sportswoman of the Year Award: Elaine Thompson-Herah (Athletics)
- Neeraj Chopra had been nominated for the award in the category Breakthrough of the year
- Laureus Breakthrough of the year was won by : Emma Raducanu

64th Annual Grammy Awards

- 2 Indian musicians were among the winners.

- Falu, an Indian-American singer-songwriter won Grammy in the category of Best Children's Music Album.
- Falguni Shah or Falu won the award for her album A Colorful World in the category of Best Children's Music Album.
- Composer Ricky Kej won second Grammy as he and Stewart Copeland won the award in the category of Best New Age Album for the album Divine Tides.
- In 2015, Ricky Kej had won his first Grammy Award and this win was his second.
- Best album of the year award was given to Jon Batiste

Earnst & Young (EY) Entrepreneur of the Year awards 2021 was given to: Falguni Nayar (founder and CEO of Nykaa)

Stockholm Water Prize 2022 awarded by The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) to Professor Wilfried Brutsaert for his innovative work in evaluating environmental evaporation.

Professor Brutsaert was awarded this prize as he has developed methods for quantifying evaporation and the role it plays in the Earth's energy balance that allows for accurate estimations of how precipitation can evolve.

Oscars 2022 or the 94th Academy Awards

- Best Picture: CODA

CODA: Children of Deaf Adults

All three deaf characters are played by three actually deaf people

- Best Actress: Jessica Chastain for the movie The Eyes Of Tammy Faye
- Best Director was won by Jane Campion for The Power Of The Dog.

- Best Actor: Will Smith for the movie King Richard

The **75th** edition of the **British Academy Film Awards**, also known as the **BAFTA Award**, was held at the **Royal Albert Hall in London**. The awards, presented by the **British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)**, honours the best national and foreign films of 2021

Best Film	The Power of the Dog
Best Director	Jane Campion, The Power of the Dog
Best Actress in Leading Role	Joanna Scanlan, After Love
Best Actor in Leading Role	Will Smith, King Richard

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Valsura awarded the prestigious President's Colour by President

- It is the highest award or honour that can be bestowed upon any of India's military units.
- This award is also called 'Nishaan' as it is an emblem that will be worn by the bestowed units' officers on their left-hand sleeve of the uniform.
- INS Valsura was established in 1942. It is one of Indian Navy's premier training establishment. INS Valsura trains the sailors and officers who are part of the Indian Navy, and Coast Guard.

Abel Prize 2022 won by Dennis Parnell Sullivan, an American mathematician.

King of Norway presents the Abel Prize who has done a remarkable job in the mathematics field.

Nari Shakti Puraskar is the highest civilian honor for women in India.

- Nari Shakti Puraskar is an annual award given by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to individual women or to institutions working for women empowerment.
- In 1999, the awards were instituted under the title of Stree Shakti Puraskar. In 2015, the awards were reorganized and renamed as Nari Shakti Puraskar.
- Every year, on International Women's Day (8th March), President of India presents the awards to the recipients at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

Ministry of Tourism constituted the Swadesh Darshan awards in various categories to acknowledge the efforts made by state governments, union territory administrations, and various implementing agencies.

Professor Neena Gupta, conferred the Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians 2021.

Bill Gates philanthropist and creator of Microsoft have been awarded the Hilal-e-Pakistan, Pakistan's second-highest civilian honor, for his efforts to help eradicate polio in the country.

Olympic Gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra was honoured with the Prama Vishisht Seva Medal. Neeraj Chopra brought fame to India by winning the country's first athletic gold medal. In Tokyo Olympics, Chopra won the medal throwing javelin to 87.58 metres.

Padma Awards 2022

- The late CDS, Bipin Rawat and Kalyan Singh presented Padma Vibhushan posthumously.
- Former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, congress leader Gulam Nabi Azad, Sundar Pichai, Satya Nadella, Gurmeet Bawa, the late folk singer of Punjab, Rajiv Mehrishi, the union home secretary = Padma Bhushan.
- Padma shri = Sonu Nigam, play back singer of Bollywood
- Paralympian Devendra Jhajharia = Padma Bhushan. Hockey player
- Vandana Katariya and Paralympians Pramod Bhagat, Avani Lekhara, Sumit Antil, Neeraj Chopra = Padma Shri
- Vaccine makers
- Cyrus Poonawala, the founder of SII (Serum Institute of India) Padma Bhushan. “COVISHIELD”.
- The chairman of Bharat Biotech Krishna Ellla and the co-founder of Bharat Biotech Suchitra Ella Padma Bhushan.
- Former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and former General Secretary late EMS Namboodirpad are among the two personalities who refused the Padma Awards, from state.

The Prime Minister of India was conferred with the Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award by Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA).

- He was awarded for his commitment to expanding India's leadership in sustainable development to meet the country's, and the world's, future energy needs.
- He addressed the CERAWEEK conference and highlighted the steps taken by India to address the issue of climate change and attaining the target of achieving clean fuel.

Balasore district (Odisha) has been awarded India's "Best Marine District"

- World Fisheries Day (WFD) is observed on the 21st November every year.
- The award ceremony was organised by the ministry of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying, in Bhubaneswar on the occasion of WFD.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) received the prestigious International "King Bhumibol World Soil Day - 2020 Award" conferred by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome

District Baramulla has achieved Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (DDUPSP) under District Panchayat Category that has been given by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India.

The father of the nation of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the late Sultan of Oman, Qaboos bin Said Al Said are to be awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2020 and 2019 respectively.

Seven community health centres (CHC) of Kanpur nagar district have been selected under Kayakalp award scheme 2021-22.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has conferred 5th National Kayakalp awards to Public and Private Health Facilities for high standards of Sanitation and Hygiene.

Breathe Applied Sciences Recycling Carbon technology by Bangalore startup receives TDB National Award 2021

- For developing a commercial solution for conversion of CO₂ to chemicals and fuels.

Smart City of the Year: Ujjain Smart City Limited

Behler Turtle Conservation Award

- Indian biologist Shailendra Singh has been awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation Award for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction

Chandigarh Railway Station has been awarded a 5- star Eat Right Station certification. It is the fifth station in India to get this recognition.

The 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to railway stations that set benchmarks (As per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006) in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers

Golden Globe Awards

- Best Film (Drama) Award The Power Of The Dog its director Jane Campion won the Best Director award
- Best Film Actor (Drama) Will Smith for King Richard.
- Best Film Actress (Drama) Nicole Kidman for Being The Ricardos.

The National Water Awards is presented annually by Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.

- Uttar Pradesh awarded the first prize.
- Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu awarded the second and third prizes.
- Best District: Muzzafarnagar, Uttar Pradesh

President Ram Nath Kovind approved 384 gallantry awards and other military decorations for security forces personnel.

- He also approved 12 Shaurya Chakras for soldiers who demonstrated exceptional courage during operations.
- The President will posthumously award **Ashok Chakra** to Assistant Sub Inspector Babu Ram of Jammu and Kashmir Police at the Republic Day parade on January 26, 2022. Ashok Chakra is India's highest peace-time gallantry award. Babu Ram had killed three terrorists in Srinagar, during an operation on August 29, 2020.

Government of Assam conferred its highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' on Ratan Tata

The Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM) and Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority's Vice Chairman Vinod Sharma received the "Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2022"

- Both were presented award for their excellent work in disaster management.
- GIDM was selected in the Institutional category while, Vinod Sharma was named in individual category.