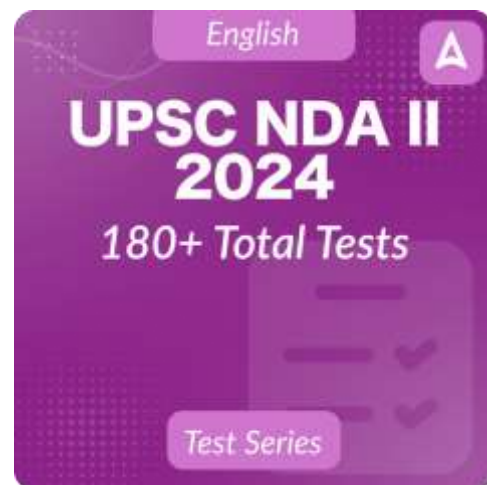




## Important Awards List of Last 6 Months

### Awards & Recognition of July 2024

- In a significant recognition of feminist literature and studies, writer, critic, and feminist activist **P. Geetha** has been awarded the first **K. Saraswathi Amma Award**. This prestigious accolade, instituted by **WINGS (Women's Integration and Growth Through Sports) Kerala**, marks a pivotal moment in the acknowledgment of feminist contributions to literature and social discourse.
- **Sopna Kallingal of Kallingal Plantation**, Thrissur, received **Spice Award 2024**, instituted by **ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research**. The award has been given to her for her initiatives in enterprise diversification and integrated crop management strategies, promoting a sustainable spice-based cropping system.
- **Roshni Nadar Malhotra**, Chairperson of IT services firm **HCLTech**, has been conferred with the "**Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur**" (Knight of the Legion of Honour), the highest civilian award of France.
- Tamil literature, renowned author **Sivashankari** has been selected as the recipient of the highly esteemed **Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award**. This prestigious accolade celebrates her immense contributions to the rich tapestry of Tamil literary culture and her role in shaping contemporary Indian literature.
- In a significant recognition of his contributions to alternative medicine, **Dr. Arpit Chopra**, a distinguished homoeopathic practitioner, was bestowed with the **Excellence Award at the NDTV MSMES (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) Summit held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**. The award ceremony, which took place at the Marriott Hotel, saw the presence of several high-ranking state officials and industry leaders.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** ceremoniously presented with the **Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called**, which was bestowed on him in the year 2019 at St Catherine's Hall of the Moscow Kremlin. The order was presented to the Prime Minister of India for his distinguished contribution to the development of a privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and friendly ties between the two countries.
- In a significant recognition of his contributions to the field of **victimology**, retired professor **K. Chockalingam** from Tamil Nadu, India, has been selected for the esteemed **Hans von Hentig award**. This honour highlights the global impact of Indian scholarship in the study of crime victims and their experiences within the criminal justice system.
- Renowned sand artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** on July 12, won the **Golden Sand Master award** at an international championship in **Russia**. The event, International Sand Sculpture Championship was **organised from July 4-12 in St Petersburg** at the iconic **Peter and Paul Fortress**. The **world's 21 master sculptors** participated in the event.
- **Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)** initiative has been awarded the prestigious **2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity**. This accolade not only highlights India's progress in sustainable farming but also places Andhra Pradesh on the global map for its pioneering efforts in eco-friendly agriculture.
- **Sobha Group's CSR wing, Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust**, has been honoured with the "**Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024.**" This esteemed accolade was presented at the Global CSR, Sustainability, and ESG Awards 2024, at the **Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon**. The event was organised by Marketing and Brand Honchos and brought together industry leaders and champions of social responsibility.
- The **Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)**, the world's first scientific body dedicated to space science research, has recognized the outstanding contributions of two Indian space scientists at its 45th scientific assembly in Busan, South Korea. **Prahlad Chandra Agrawal**, one of India's most senior space scientists, received the esteemed **Harrie Massey Award**. **Anil Bhardwaj**, the director of the Ahmedabad-based **Physical Research Laboratory (PRL)**, was awarded the **Vikram Sarabhai Medal**.
- **Rigoberta Menchú Tum**, the renowned **Nobel Peace Prize** laureate and Guatemalan human rights activist, has been honored with the **Gandhi Mandela Award 2020**. This prestigious accolade recognizes her lifelong commitment to advocating for **Indigenous rights** and promoting peace and social justice.





- **Ram Charan**, the superstar known for his stellar performance in the global blockbuster “RRR”, is set to be the guest of honor at the prestigious **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2024**. This recognition comes as a testament to his significant contributions to Indian cinema and his rising international profile.
- The **Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR)** has received the best technology award for its pioneering work in the field of horticultural sciences. Union Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan presented the award during the **96th Foundation Day celebrations** of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in New Delhi.
- **Curator and author Rahaab Allana** has been awarded the insignia of **Officier dans l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres** by the **French government**.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has **honored Abhinav Bindra**, **India’s first individual Olympic gold medallist**, with the prestigious Olympic Order.
- Bollywood superstar **Shah Rukh Khan** has been honoured with customised **gold coins by the Grevin Museum in Paris**.
- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, **Ashwini Vaishnav**, announced the winners of the **10th National Community Radio Awards** and inaugurated the country’s **500th Community Radio Station**.
- The Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) honored **Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)** in Visakhapatnam with the ‘**Rajbhasha Gaurav Samman**’ for the year 2023-24.
- The **All India Tennis Association (AITA)** has announced the **Dilip Bose award** for lifetime achievement to coach **Nar Singh**. The first award would be presented to the 69-year-old **Rohini Lokhande** who was a member of the national team along with **Kiran Bedi, Nirupama Mankad, Susan Das and Udaya Kumar**, before she took to coaching at a young age.
- The **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**, established on August 24, 1984, by the Government of India, is a premier telecom research and development centre. Its mission is to revolutionize the telecom sector in India by developing cutting-edge technologies and products tailored to Indian conditions.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has been awarded the Asia-Pacific region’s ‘**Best Conduct of Business Regulator**’ by **The Asian Banker**. The award was received by **SEBI’s Whole Time Member, Kamlesh Chandra Varshney**, at a ceremony held in Hong Kong.
- **Vellayan Subbiah, Executive Vice Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII)** and Chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co Ltd., secured the prestigious **EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award**, marking the fourth time an entrepreneur from India has won this global title. His visionary leadership and transformative strategies have propelled both TII and Chola to unprecedented success, earning him recognition on the global stage.
- **Siddhesh Sakore**, a farmer and the founder of **AGRO RANGERS from Maharashtra**, has been recognized as a Land Hero by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on **World Desertification and Drought Day**. The announcement was made during a programme in Bonn, Germany, honoring 10 Land Heroes from around the globe.

### Awards & Recognition of June 2024

- The famous Annual **Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award** has been given to **Krishna Prakash**, who is well-known for leading Mumbai Police’s special counterterrorism team, Force One. The award was given out at Mumbai’s multicultural **Sab Me Ram Shashwat Shri Ram event**.
- **Poet and playwright Siddhalinga Pattanashetti** has been chosen for the prestigious **Gudleppa Hallikeri Award** for 2024 by the **Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation, Hosaritti (Haveri District)**. Veeranna Chekki, senior trustee of the **Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial foundation** of Hosaritti, haveri District announced. This is the **19th award** and will be presented **in the honour of the birth anniversary of Gudleppa Hallikeri on 6 June**.
- At the prestigious **New York Indian Film Festival 2024**, Sanya Malhotra has etched her name in glory by winning the **Best Actress award** for her captivating performance in the film “Mrs.” This triumph marks a significant milestone in Malhotra’s burgeoning career and underscores her exceptional talent as an actress.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has been awarded the prestigious “**Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024**” by Central Banking, a renowned publication headquartered in London. This accolade recognizes the RBI’s significant strides in cultivating a robust risk culture and heightened awareness, solidifying its essential role in maintaining the stability of India’s financial system.
- The **Sahitya Akademi** on June 15, announced the names of **23 writers**, including English writer **K Vaishali** and Hindi author **Gaurav Pandey**, who will receive the prestigious **Yuva Puraskar** across as many languages.
- The **Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala**, a renowned Ayurvedic institution, celebrated a significant achievement as its **managing trustee and chief physician, P. Madhavankutty Varier**, was awarded an **honorary Doctor of Science (DSc) degree** by the **Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS)**.



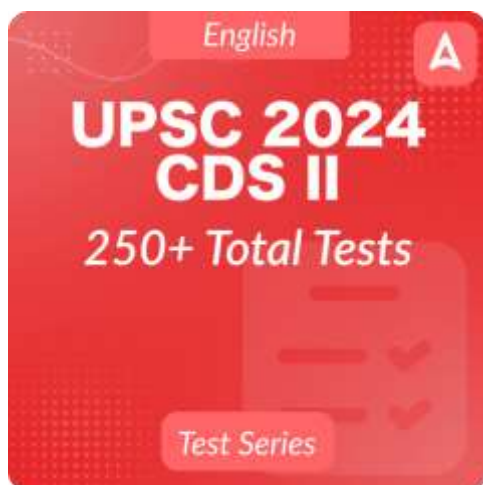


- Eminent children’s filmmaker **Vinod Ganatra** has become the first Indian to be conferred with South Africa’s prestigious ‘**Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award**’ for his outstanding contribution to children’s cinema. The award was presented to him at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children’s Film Festival.
- The renowned wildlife filmmaker **Subbiah Nallamuthu** has been conferred with the prestigious **18th V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award** for his outstanding contributions to the field of non-feature and wildlife documentary filmmaking. The award was presented to him by the **Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, L. Murugan**, at the inaugural ceremony of the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)**, a regional rural bank sponsored by **Canara Bank**, has been honoured with a national award by the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** for significant enrolment under the **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**.
- **India’s first artificial intelligence university**, Universal AI University (UAIU), has appointed international strategist and multiple award-winning professor **Simon Mak** as its **vice-chancellor**. Mak is the first non-Indian to hold the position of **founding vice chancellor** of an Indian institution.
- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd.** has been honoured with the “**Sustainable Governance Champion Award**” at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024. This recognition highlights GRSE’s unwavering commitment to sustainable practices and governance excellence.
- In a significant recognition of her literary contributions, **Booker Prize-winning author Arundhati Roy** has been awarded the esteemed **Pen Pinter Prize** for 2024. This honour comes at a time when Roy faces potential legal challenges, highlighting the importance of her work and the ongoing struggle for freedom of expression.

- In a heartwarming celebration of linguistic and cultural ties between India and Nepal, **Dr. Usha Thakur** has been honoured with the **12th Vishwa Hindi Samman**. This prestigious award recognizes her outstanding contributions to Hindi literature and her efforts in strengthening the bonds between Hindi and Nepali languages.

### Awards & Recognition of May 2024

- **Gina Justus**, an English High School teacher at the Sharjah Girls Branch in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has been named the regional winner for the **Middle East and North Africa (MENA)** region at the prestigious **2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards**. This achievement celebrates her outstanding mentorship and dedication to charity work.
- **Sana**, the **AI-powered news anchor** developed by the **India Today Group**, has achieved remarkable success at the prestigious **International News Media Association (INMA) Global Media Awards** held in London. This groundbreaking **AI** innovation has captured two coveted awards, solidifying its position as a **trailblazer** in the field of AI-driven journalism.
- **Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)** honored **K.V. Kamath**, Chairman of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development and Chairman of Jio Financial Services Ltd., with an honorary doctorate at a special convocation on April 29, 2024. The ceremony celebrated Kamath’s exceptional leadership in banking, finance, and sustainable development, recognizing his significant contributions to India’s financial sector and global impact.
- **Dr. Bina Modi**, Chairperson and Managing Director of Modi Enterprises – KK Modi Group, was honoured by the esteemed Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar, for her ‘Outstanding Contribution to the cause of **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**’. The felicitation took place during the inauguration of the new building for the Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF), where the Vice President graced the occasion as the chief guest.
- **Dr. Purnima Devi Barman**, a wildlife biologist from **Assam**, has been recognized with the prestigious **Whitley Gold Award** for her exemplary conservation efforts aimed at protecting the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork and its wetland habitat. This accolade, often referred to as the ‘Green Oscar’, highlights her remarkable contributions to wildlife conservation and underscores the importance of grassroots efforts in safeguarding biodiversity.





- In a gesture of solidarity and recognition, **Palestinian journalists** covering the **crisis in Gaza** have been named laureates of the **2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize**. The announcement comes from the recommendation of an International Jury of media professionals, emphasizing the courage and commitment of these journalists amidst challenging circumstances.
- Bollywood actress **Kareena Kapoor Khan** has been appointed as the **National Ambassador** for **UNICEF India**. This prestigious role comes as a recognition of her long-standing association with the organization since 2014, where she has served as a **Celebrity Advocate**.
- In a remarkable feat, The Hindu secured three prestigious awards at the **6th International Newspaper Design Competition organized by newspaperdesign.in**. The accolades were garnered for their exceptional explainer page titled **“The science behind Neeraj’s skills,”** shedding light on Neeraj Chopra’s remarkable journey and success in athletics.
- Oxford Bookstores announced **Bhavi Mehta** as the winner of the **9th edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize**. Mehta’s winning entry was the book jacket for **“The Book Beautiful”** published by Hachette India and authored by Pradeep Sebastian.
- **Pawan Sindhi** was bestowed with the prestigious **Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024** at an event attended by esteemed **saints, Mahatmas, and sadhus**. The occasion celebrated Mr. Sindhi’s remarkable contributions to society and his dedication to serving humanity.
- **Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**, a globally renowned leader in public health and infectious diseases, has been named among the 10 exceptional individuals to receive an honorary degree from Canada’s prestigious **McGill University** during the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies.
- In a prestigious ceremony held in New Delhi, **Cmde Hemant Khatri**, the Chairman and Managing Director (C&MD) of **Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)**, was bestowed with the esteemed **‘PSU Samarpan Award’** by Gov Connect. The award recognizes Khatri’s outstanding leadership and his pivotal role in driving the transformation of the shipyard, inspiring countless individuals within the industry.
- In a prestigious ceremony held at the Sahara Star Hotel in Mumbai on May 12th, **Chandrakant Satija**, the renowned educationist and Founder/CEO of **Chandra Admission Consultants**, was honored with the **Global Excellence Award 2024**. The award, presented by the famous Bollywood actress **Shilpa Shetty Kundra**, recognized Satija as the **Most Trusted Admissions Consultant in the Vidarbha Region**.
- In a momentous occasion, the **eminent author Ruskin Bond** has been bestowed with the **Sahitya Akademi Fellowship**, the highest honour conferred by India’s premier literary organization, the Sahitya Akademi. Due to Bond’s **ill health**, the prestigious award was presented to him at his **Mussoorie home** by Sahitya Akademi President Madhav Kaushik and Secretary K. Sreenivasarao, in the presence of his son.
- Indian spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar received the first stamp released to commemorate the completion of 200 years of **Indian Origin Tamils (IOT) in Sri Lanka**. The stamp was presented by the Governor of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka, Senthil Thondaman.
- The public sector company **NTPC** has secured the **third rank in the world for the Talent Development category** at the prestigious **ATD BEST Awards 2024**. The award ceremony was held in New Orleans, United States of America, on 21 May 2024. Ms. Rachana Singh Bhal, NTPC’s chief general manager strategic HR & talent management, accepted the award on behalf of the company.
- **Srinivas R. Kulkarni**, an Indian-origin U.S. scientist and brother of renowned author Sudha Murty, has been awarded the **prestigious Shaw Prize in Astronomy** for 2024. This prestigious recognition celebrates Kulkarni’s **groundbreaking discoveries** in the field of astronomy, including his pioneering work on **millisecond pulsars, gamma-ray bursts, supernovae, and other transient astronomical phenomena**.
- **Arti**, an 18-year-old woman from the Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh, has been honored with the prestigious **Amal Clooney Women’s Empowerment Award** by King Charles III of the United Kingdom.
- **NHPC**, India’s premier hydropower company, has been bestowed with the prestigious ‘The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25’. This coveted recognition highlights NHPC’s unwavering commitment to fostering a future-ready workforce and its strategic approach to human resource management.
- The 77th Cannes Film Festival witnessed a remarkable achievement for Indian cinema as **Payal Kapadia’s** film ‘All We Imagine as Light’ won the prestigious **Grand Prix** award, the second-highest honour at the festival. This triumph marks a historic moment, as Kapadia becomes the first Indian filmmaker to receive this prestigious accolade.
- The Indian gymnast, **Dipa Karmakar**, has scripted history by becoming the first-ever Indian to secure a gold medal in any **Asian Championships**. Hailing from Tripura, Dipa achieved this remarkable feat in the women’s vault individual final at the Asian Women’s Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2024, held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on May 26, 2024.





- **Major Radhika Sen**, an Indian military peacekeeper serving with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (**MONUSCO**), has been awarded the prestigious **2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award**. This award recognizes her dedication and efforts in promoting the principles of **UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security**.
- The **National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)**, Bengaluru, India's premier mental health institution, has been conferred the prestigious **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion** for 2024 by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. This award recognizes individuals, institutions, and organizations that have demonstrated remarkable contributions to health promotion.

### Awards & Recognition of April 2024

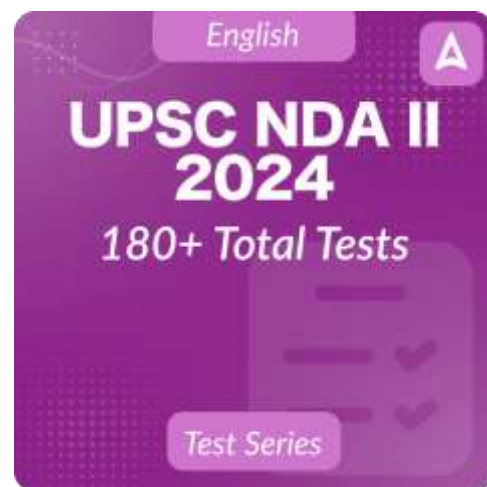
- **Professor Meena Charanda**, Principal of **Kalindi College, Delhi University**, has been awarded the prestigious '**International Culture Award**' for the year **2024**. Prof. Charanda received this honour in recognition of her remarkable work in the field of **education and social service**. The award ceremony took place on **March 30, 2024**, at the **India International Center**.
- **Vineet Jain**, the managing director of the **Times Group**, received the prestigious **Exchange4Media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA) Lifetime Achievement Award 2023** for his significant contributions to **Indian television news**.
- **REC Limited**, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has been bestowed with the **SKOCH ESG Award 2024** in the '**Renewable Energy Financing**' category. The award underscores REC's dedication to sustainable financing, paving the way for a greener future and accelerating the transition to renewable energy. Executive Director of REC Limited, **Shri T.S.C. Bosh**, received the award in New Delhi.
- Dr. **Kommuri** was felicitated with the **Distinguished Overseas Dental Specialist (Orthodontics and Orofacial Pain)** title at the **National Fame Awards 2024**, held at The Club in Mumbai. The chief guest of the ceremony was **Dia Mirza**.
- **SJVN Limited**, a leading public sector undertaking, has been honored with two prestigious awards at the **15th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2024**. The awards were given by the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) in recognition of SJVN's remarkable contributions to corporate social responsibility (CSR).

- The small town of **Miraj in Maharashtra's Sangli district** is known for its craftsmanship in making musical instruments, particularly **sitars and tanpuras**. These instruments have now been awarded the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tags, recognizing their unique origin and quality.
- **GAIL (India) Limited** has been honored with the prestigious **15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award in the 'Achievement Award for Best Construction Projects' category** for its remarkable accomplishment in the **Barauni – Guwahati Natural Gas Pipeline project (BGPL)**. The project, an integral component of the Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Pipeline project, marks a significant milestone by connecting North-East India to the National Gas Grid for the first time.
- The late Russian dissident **Aleksei Navalny and his wife, Yulia Navalnaya**, will receive the Freedom Prize of the Media from a leading German forum, the Ludwig Erhard Summit. The award is presented annually to public figures who have made significant contributions to freedom of expression, dialogue, and democracy.
- **Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital's research team** has been honoured with the prestigious '**Best Scientific Poster Award**' at the **2024 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS)**. The award-winning study focused on 'The efficacy of RevitalVision vision-training software in improving best-corrected vision in stable keratoconus patients post Crosslinking surgery.'
- **Gopi Thotakura** is making history as the first Indian pilot to venture into space as a tourist, joining **Blue Origin's NS-25 mission**. His selection highlights a significant milestone in India's space exploration journey, marking a new era for space tourism.
- **Dr. Gagandeep Kang**, an Indian researcher, has been awarded the **2024 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award** for her achievements in global health research.
- The **American President's Volunteer Service Award** was established in 2003 during George Bush's presidency. The award is given to individuals who have provided at least 500 hours of voluntary service in the United States and whose work has positively impacted communities and inspired those around them.
- **Lindy Cameron, a distinguished Oxford University alumna and former CEO of the UK's National Cyber Security Centre**, has been appointed as the first woman high commissioner to India. Her appointment marks a significant milestone in UK-India relations, coming 70 years after India appointed its first high commissioner to London.





- In a remarkable achievement, Indian-American actress **Avantika Vandanapu**, best known for her role as Karen Shetty in the 2024 musical comedy “Mean Girls,” has been honored with the prestigious “**South Asian Person of the Year**” award by **Harvard University**. This accolade recognizes Vandanapu’s outstanding contributions to the arts and her role in promoting South Asian representation in global media.
- **Mamta G. Sagar**, a renowned Kannada poet, writer, academic, and activist based in Bengaluru, has added another feather to her cap by winning the prestigious **World Literary Prize** from the **World Organization of Writers (WOW)**. This prestigious accolade recognizes Sagar’s exceptional contributions to the world of literature, solidifying her status as a trailblazing literary icon.
- The **World Economic Forum** has named **Adwaita Nayar**, the co-founder of Nykaa and CEO of Nykaa Fashion, as a ‘**2024 Young Global Leader**’. This prestigious recognition highlights Nayar’s remarkable achievements as a change-maker and entrepreneur, solidifying her place among the most influential young leaders in the world.
- In a prestigious ceremony, **Vels University in Chennai** conferred an honorary doctorate in literature upon renowned Indian actor **Ram Charan**. This distinguished recognition celebrates Charan’s remarkable contributions to the world of cinema and his profound impact on audiences across the globe.
- In a momentous announcement, the prestigious **Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award** will be presented to the esteemed Hindi cinema actor, **Amitabh Bachchan**, this year. This honour, bestowed by the **Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smriti Pratisthan Public Charitable Trust and the Mangeshkar family**, serves as a testament to Bachchan’s exceptional contributions to the world of Indian cinema over the span of his illustrious five-and-a-half-decade career.
- In response to the soaring gold prices, **expected to surpass \$2700 per ounce** this year amidst escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a significant policy amendment. This move allows resident entities to diversify their hedging strategies against gold price volatility in overseas markets.
- **Deepika Soreng**, the promising forward of the **India Women’s Hockey Team**, has been honoured with the prestigious **Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award** for Upcoming Player of the Year during the **Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023**. The award recognizes her outstanding performance and immense potential as a rising star in the sport.
- **Kaushik Rajashekara**, a distinguished professor at the **University of Houston’s Cullen College of Engineering**, has been elected as an **International Fellow** of the prestigious **Engineering Academy of Japan**. This honour recognizes his outstanding contributions to the field of **power conversion** and the **electrification of transportation**.
- **Pavuluri Subba Rao**, the Founder, CEO, and Chairman of **Ananth Technologies**, has been conferred with the prestigious ‘**Aryabhata Award**’ by the **Aeronautical Society of India (ASI)**. This honour recognizes Rao’s “**tremendous lifetime contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India.**”
- **Mohammed Salem** is a Palestinian photographer who works for the news agency Reuters. In 2024, he won a very important award called the **World Press Photo of the Year award**.
- **Renowned industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus of the Tata Group, was honored with the esteemed KISS Humanitarian Award 2021** at a ceremony held at his Mumbai residence. The award, initiated in 2008 by Achyuta Samanta, recognizes individuals and organizations epitomizing humanitarian efforts globally.
- Two Indian student teams have brought laurels to the country by winning prestigious awards at the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC). The **KIET Group of Institutions from Delhi-NCR bagged the “Crash and Burn” award**, while the **Kanakia International School from Mumbai received the “Rookie of the Year” award**.
- In a prestigious ceremony held at Mumbai’s **Dinanath Mangeshkar Natyagrih**, actor **Randeep Hooda** was bestowed with the **Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award**. This honor recognizes his remarkable contributions to **Indian cinema** and his recent film “**Swatantrya Veer Savarkar**”.





**Awards & Recognition of March 2024**

- **Dr. Pradeep Mahajan**, the Founder and Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of StemRx Hospital and Research Centre, along with StemRx Bioscience Solutions, has been awarded the prestigious **Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024**.
- On the occasion of the **48th Foundation Day** of the Indian Civil Accounts Service, the **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** has been honored with the **Award for Best Performance in Accounts during the Financial Year 2023-24**. This prestigious accolade signifies the Ministry's outstanding contribution and commitment to financial excellence.
- Legendary golfer **Tiger Woods** has been selected to receive the Bob Jones Award, the highest honour bestowed by the **United States Golf Association (USGA)**. This prestigious award recognizes Woods' dedication to sportsmanship, his respect for the traditions of the game, and his significant charitable endeavors.
- **Yatin Bhaskar Duggal**, a promising talent from Haryana, has emerged triumphant as the winner of the esteemed **National Youth Parliament Festival, 2024**. The announcement came during the conclusive session held in New Delhi, where Duggal was awarded the first prize for his exceptional performance.
- **Sahitya Akademi**, the esteemed National Academy of Letters in India, is marking its **70th anniversary** this year, and in honor of this milestone, the annual '**Sahityotsav**' has transformed into the world's largest literary festival.
- Renowned filmmaker **Zoya Akhtar** and British Indian chef **Asma Khan** were honored at the annual '**India-UK Achievers**' awards in London. The event celebrated Akhtar's acclaimed work in cinema and Khan's contributions to culinary arts.
- India has been awarded the prestigious '**Measles and Rubella Champion**' Award by The Measles and Rubella Partnership. This award recognizes India's **exemplary efforts in preventing measles and rubella diseases**.
- Delhi Airport has once again asserted its dominance in the aviation sector by securing the prestigious title of '**Best Airport**' in the Asia-Pacific region for the sixth consecutive year. This accolade, bestowed by the **Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards**, reaffirms Delhi Airport's commitment to excellence and leadership in providing top-notch services to passengers.
- **Riken Yamamoto**, a Japanese architect from Yokohama, has been named the winner of the **2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize**, widely regarded as the highest honour in the field of architecture.
- The **Praemium Erasmianum Foundation** has awarded the **Erasmus Prize 2024** to the Indian writer **Amitav Ghosh**. He receives this prestigious honour for his **passionate contribution** to the theme "**imagining the unthinkable**," in which he explores the **unprecedented global crisis of climate change** through his literary works.
- **Mr. Srinivasan Swamy**, currently serving as the chairman and managing director of RK Swamy Ltd, was honored at the 45th IAA World Congress in Penang, Malaysia. Governor Tun Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak presented him with the esteemed **IAA Golden Compass Award**, recognizing his significant contributions to the global marketing, advertising, and media industries.
- President **Droupadi Murmu** was conferred with the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law by the University of Mauritius. This prestigious honor demonstrates the depth of bilateral ties between India and Mauritius.
- The prestigious **Chameli Devi Jain Award 2024** for Outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year has been given **jointly** to two remarkable journalists: **Greeshma Kuthar** – Independent Journalist and **Ritika Chopra** – Indian Express.
- **Ratan Tata**, former chairman of **Tata Sons**, has been bestowed with the prestigious **PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award**. He received the award for his **outstanding philanthropic contributions**. The award ceremony took place in **Mumbai on March 15, 2024**.
- **Uday Bhatia** and **Manasi Gupta** from India were honored with the prestigious '**Diana Memorial Award**' on **14 March 2024**.
- Thodur Madabusi Krishna, a **renowned Carnatic musician**, has been chosen as the **Sangita Kalanidhi** awardee for 2024. This award, considered the **Oscar equivalent** for Carnatic music, is given away by the **Music Academy** in Chennai.
- Noted **Malayalam poet and author Prabha Varma** has been selected for the prestigious **33rd Saraswati Samman** for the year 2023. He won the award for his **novel in verse 'Roudra Sathwikam'** published in 2022.
- The **Raksha Mantri Trophy** for the **Best and Second Best Command Hospitals** of the **Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)** for the year 2022 was awarded on 19th March 2024 in New Delhi. The **Command Hospital (Southern Command), Pune** was judged as the **Best Command Hospital**, while the **Command Hospital (Central Command), Lucknow** was the **Second Best** for 2022.
- Dr. Uma Rele, the esteemed **Principal of Nalanda Nritya Kala Mahavidyalaya** in Mumbai, has been conferred with the prestigious **Maharashtra Gaurav Award**. The honour was bestowed upon her by Maharashtra Industrial Minister Uday Sawant and Minister Deepak Vasant Kesarkar in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the realm of **Indian classical dance**, particularly **Bharata Natyam**.





**Awards & Recognition of February 2024**

- Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has created history by becoming the first **non-Bhutanese** to receive the ‘**Order of the Druk Gyalpo**’, **Bhutan’s highest civilian award**. He received this prestigious honour from **Bhutan’s King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck** during his two-day state visit to Thimphu. The ‘Order of the Druk Gyalpo’ is a **lifetime achievement award** and is considered the **pinnacle of Bhutan’s honour system**. Only four eminent personalities have received this award since its institution.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) has been honored with the prestigious **Aviation Week Laureates Award** for its remarkable achievements in the **Chandrayaan-3 mission**. **Sripriya Ranganathan**, Deputy Ambassador at the Indian Embassy in the US, accepted the award on behalf of ISRO.
- **Bina Agarwal and James Boyce** have been awarded the first “**Global Inequality Research Award**” for their significant contributions to understanding global inequalities, specifically in the areas of social and environmental inequalities. The **laureates** will be invited to receive their awards and present an overview of their work at conferences in Paris in the fall and spring of 2024. These conferences will be organized in conjunction with **Sciences Po’s Social-Ecological Transitions (SET) initiative**.
- The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)**, a global organization responsible for naming celestial objects, has bestowed a rare honour upon an Indian scientist. Professor **Jayant Murthy**, an esteemed astrophysicist, has been recognized for his remarkable contributions to the field by having an asteroid named after him – **(215884) Jayantmurthy**.
- The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has awarded the **2024 Abel Prize** to **Michel Talagrand** of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France. Talagrand received the prestigious prize “for his **groundbreaking contributions to probability theory and functional analysis**, with outstanding applications in **mathematical physics and statistics**.”
- At a glittering event recently held in **Noida**, organized by **The Times Group**, **Vijay Jain**, the **Managing Director of Star Estate**, was awarded the prestigious **Times Power Icon 2024 Award**. The event celebrated and honoured top industry leaders, gracing the occasion with the presence of industry leaders and celebrities, including **Cine icon Ada Sharma**, who presented the award to Vijay Jain.

- The prestigious **Blavatnik Awards** will recognize the exceptional contributions of **Rahul R Nair, Mehul Malik, Tanmay Bharat**, and other early career scientists at a black-tie gala in London on February 27. These awards, totaling 480,000 pounds in grants, underscore the importance of recognition and research funding in propelling scientific breakthroughs.
- **Nikhil Mukund Wagh**, who works as a **Public Relations Officer at Goa Shipyard Limited**, was recently given the “**Maha Gaurav 2024**” award. This award was handed to him by **Shri Ajit Pawar**, the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, during a ceremony at Kaneri Math in Kolhapur on Monday, January 29. The award is a big deal because it recognizes Nikhil’s great work in public relations.
- **Priest Ishwari Prasad Namboodiri**, the chief priest (Rawal) of the world-renowned Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand, was honoured with the **Shankar Smriti Award in Kerala**. This recognition marks a significant acknowledgement of his dedication and service to the spiritual domain, enhancing the rich tapestry of Indian religious practices.
- **Dr. Bina Modi**, the esteemed Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, has been honored with the prestigious ‘**Outstanding Business Woman of the Year**’ Award. This recognition, bestowed upon her by **Rajnath Singh**, Defence Minister of India, at a distinguished conference organized by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), underscores her exceptional leadership and contributions to the industry.
- Renowned Mathematics educator **Anand Kumar**, founder of Super 30, achieved a significant milestone on Tuesday, February 6, as he was granted the prestigious ‘**Golden Visa**’ by the **United Arab Emirates (UAE) government**. This recognition catapults Kumar into an elite group, traditionally dominated by Bollywood stars and sports icons.
- In a celebration of nature’s serene beauty, a photograph depicting a **polar bear asleep on an iceberg** has clinched the prestigious **Wildlife Photographer of the Year People’s Choice Award**. This enchanting image, titled ‘Ice Bed,’ captured by British amateur photographer Nima Sarikhani, has emerged victorious in a competition that saw a record-breaking 75,000 votes from the public.
- The **second DNPA Conclave & Digital Impact Awards** served as a pivotal platform for discussions on the **revenue-sharing disparity between digital news publishers and major technology platforms**. Key stakeholders, including the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), converged to address this pressing issue amidst the backdrop of the imminent Digital India Act. The Conclave focuses on the theme ‘**Navigating Digital Transformations and Challenges in the Media Industry.**’







- **Pyarelal Sharma**, one-half of the legendary composer duo **Laxmikant-Pyarelal**, has been felicitated with the prestigious Lakshminarayana International Award. This honour was bestowed upon him as part of the Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival, acknowledging his invaluable contributions to the Indian music industry.
- The government of India has recently unveiled the prestigious '**National Creators Award**', a groundbreaking initiative aimed at acknowledging and celebrating the remarkable contributions of new-age influencers and creators in shaping India's digital landscape.
- The field of space exploration and technology in India witnessed a momentous occasion as the **IEEE Kerala Section** announced the recipient of the prestigious **K.P.P. Nambiar Award**. This year, the accolade was bestowed upon **ISRO Chairman S. Somanath**, a figure synonymous with innovation and leadership in space technology.
- Noida, a city in the National Capital Region, has garnered recognition for its efforts in water conservation and management. **The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation**, under the Union Water Ministry, has honored Noida with the title of "**Water Warrior**" city. This recognition comes as a testament to the city's measures in waste water treatment and reuse for various purposes, particularly irrigation.
- **India** was honoured with the **9th GovTech Prize at the World Government Summit 2024**, held in the **United Arab Emirates**. This accolade is a testament to India's innovative use of artificial intelligence in enhancing government services, specifically under the 'AI-Powered Government Services' category. The award, established by the UAE government, acknowledges the creative and innovative technological solutions implemented by government entities worldwide.
- **Havildar Varinder Singh**, a member of the Sikh Regiment in the Indian Army, has been honored with the prestigious **Vishisht Seva Medal** for his remarkable contribution to military technology. President Droupadi Murmu bestowed this accolade upon him in recognition of his outstanding efforts in developing a groundbreaking piece of equipment.
- **The National Film Awards**, one of India's most prestigious film award ceremonies, is set to see significant changes in its 70th iteration in 2022. Previously known as the **Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film**, this category will now be simply referred to as the "**Best Debut Film of a Director.**" The award category previously known as the **Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration** has undergone not just a name change but also a broadening of its scope. It will now be known as the "**Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social, and Environmental Values,**" effectively merging the aspects of national integration, social issues, and environmental conservation into a single category.
- The Hon'ble President of India, in a momentous ceremony on Republic Day 2024, bestowed the prestigious '**Jeevan**

**Raksha Padak**' upon **Sh. Shashikant Kumar**, a constable of the Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF). This esteemed recognition stands as a testament to Kumar's exceptional valor and selflessness in the face of danger.

- Diplomat, author, and politician, **Shashi Tharoor** has been bestowed with the prestigious '**Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur**' (**Knight of the Legion of Honour**), **France's** highest civilian honour. This accolade celebrates Tharoor's lifelong dedication to fostering global understanding and his significant service to India and the world at large.
- Swedish photographer **Alex Dawson** has clinched the prestigious title of **Underwater Photographer of the Year 2024**. His winning entry, 'Whale Bones', is a mesmerizing image that transports viewers beneath the icy expanse of the Greenland ice sheet, where a diver is seen exploring the skeletal remains of a minke whale.
- In a world propelled by technological advancements, quantum computing emerges as a frontier of innovation. At its forefront stands **Dr. Aditi Sen De**, a distinguished physicist from the Harish Chandra Research Institute in Prayagraj. Recently honored with the **2023 GD Birla Award for Scientific Excellence**, Dr. De's groundbreaking contributions to quantum technologies mark a significant milestone in scientific research.
- **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**, the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Government of India, has achieved a remarkable feat by clinching the **top position in three categories** at the esteemed **14th Annual Aegis Graham Bell Awards**. The event, held on February 21, 2024, at the NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi, witnessed C-DOT's groundbreaking innovations being recognized and celebrated.
- The recipient of this year's **Romain Rolland Book Prize** is **Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee** for his remarkable translation of Jean-Daniel Baltassat's "**Le Divan de Staline**" into Bengali, titled "**Staliner Divan.**" Published by New Bharat Sahitya Kutir, Kolkata, Chatterjee's translation stood out for its linguistic prowess and fidelity to the original text. This marks the second time that a Bengali translation has been honoured with this prestigious award

