



### Current Affairs - March 2021 to August 2021

Month

Type



- ▶ **90** Current Affairs were found in **Last Six Months** for Type - **Awards**

(Showing **86** Important Ones)

### Awards

- ▶ 2 Indians, Sathish Sundaram (Tamil Nadu) and Mahindra Giri (Uttarakhand's Rajaji Tiger Reserve) are named among 10 winners of International Ranger Awards 2021, for their contribution towards wildlife conservation.
  - ▶ 10 professionals globally are honored annually by this award, by International Union for Conservation of Nature IUCN and World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).
- ▶ 2021 Billboard Music Awards (US) -
  - ▶ Top Artist - The Weekend
  - ▶ Top New Artist - Pop Smoke
  - ▶ Top Male Artist The Weekend
  - ▶ Top Female Artist - Taylor Swift
  - ▶ Other Notable Awards -
    - ▶ Pink received Billboard Icon Award, Trae tha Truth received Change Maker Award and Drake received Artist of the Decade Award.

3. ▶ 27th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards (US) Winners -

Category	Winner
Male Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries	Mark Ruffalo (I Know This Much Is True)
Female Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries	Anya Taylor-Joy (The Queen's Gambit)
Male Actor in a Drama Series	Jason Bateman (Ozark)
Female Actor in a Drama Series	Gillian Anderson (The Crown)
Male Actor in a Comedy Series	Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)
Female Actor in a Comedy Series	Catherine O'Hara (Schitt's Creek)
Male Actor in a Leading Role	Chadwick Boseman (Ma Rainey's Black Bottom)
Female Actor in a Leading Role	Viola Davis (Ma Rainey's Black Bottom)
Male Actor in a Supporting Role	Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah)
Female Actor in a Supporting Role	Youn Yuh-jung (Minari)

4. ▶ 63rd Annual Grammy Awards ceremony -

 Grammy Awards (originally called Gramophone Award) are presented by US Based *The Recording Academy* to recognize achievements in music industry. Notable Winners in 2021 Edition -



Category	Winner
Album of the Year	Folklore – Taylor Swift
Record of the Year	"Everything I Wanted" – Billie Eilish
Song of The Year	I Can't Breathe
Best New Artist	Megan Thee Stallion
<b>Albums</b>	
R&B	Bigger Love – John Legend
Rap	King's Disease – Nas
Country	Wildcard – Miranda Lambert
Rock	The New Abnormal – The Strokes
Dance/Electronic	Bubba – Kaytranada
Pop	Future Nostalgia – Dua Lipa
Children's	All the Ladies – Joanie Leeds
Historical	It's Such a Good Feeling: The Best of Mister Rogers
<b>Others</b>	
Best Music Video	"Brown Skin Girl" – Beyoncé, Saint Jhn & Wizkid featuring Blue Ivy Carter

## 5. ▶ 66th Filmfare Awards 2021 Winners -

- 🎬 Best Film: Thappad
- 🎬 Best Director: Om Raut (Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior)
- 🎬 Best Actor (MALE): Irrfan Khan (Angrezi Medium)
- 🎬 Best Actress : Taapsee Pannu (Thappad)
- 🎬 Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male): Saif Ali Khan (Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior)
- 🎬 Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female): Farrokh Jaffar (Gulabo Sitabo)
- 🎬 Best Music Album: Pritam (Ludo)
- 🎬 Best Lyrics: Gulzar (Chhappak)
- 🎬 Best Playback Singer (male): Raghav Chaitanya – Ek Tukda Dhoop (Thappad)
- 🎬 Best Playback Singer (Female): Asees Kaur (Malang)
- 🎬 Lifetime Achievement : Irrfan Khan.

## 6. ▶ 74th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) Winners -

- 🎬 Best Film - Nomadland
- 🎬 Best Director - Chloé Zhao (Nomadland)
- 🎬 Best Actor - Anthony Hopkins (The Father)
- 🎬 Best Actress - Frances McDormand (Nomadland)
- 🎬 Best Actor in a Supporting Role - Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah)
- 🎬 Best Actress in a Supporting Role - Youn Yuh-jung (Minari)
- 🎬 Outstanding British Film - Promising Young Woman
- 🎬 Best Short Film - The Present
- 🎬 Best Original Music - Soul
- 🎬 Best Film (Other than English) - Another Round
- 🎬 Best Documentary - My Octopus Teacher
- 🎬 Best Animated Film - Soul
- 🎬 Rising Star - Bukky Bakray
- 🎬 Facts -
  - 🎬 Nomadland won most awards (4), including Best Film, Director, Actress and Cinematography.

7. ▶ 78th Golden Globe Awards -

- 🎬 Best Motion Picture -
  - 🎬 Drama - Nomadland
  - 🎬 Musical / Comedy - Borat Subsequent Moviefilm
- 🎬 Best Performance in a Motion Picture (Drama) -
  - 🎬 Actor - Chadwick Boseman (Ma Rainey's Black Bottom)
  - 🎬 Actress - Andra Day (The United States vs. Billie Holiday)
- 🎬 Best Performance in a Motion Picture (Musical or Comedy) -
  - 🎬 Actor - Sacha Baron Cohen (Borat Subsequent Moviefilm)
  - 🎬 Actress - Rosamund Pike (I Care a Lot)
- 🎬 Best Supporting Performance in a Motion Picture -
  - 🎬 Supporting Actor - Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah)
  - 🎬 Supporting Actress - Jodie Foster (The Mauritanian)
- 🎬 Best Director - Chloé Zhao (Nomadland)
- 🎬 Best Foreign Language Film - Minari
- 🎬 Best Animated Feature Film - Soul
- 🎬 Best Television Series -
  - 🎬 Drama - The Crown (Netflix)
  - 🎬 Musical or Comedy - Schitt's Creek (Pop TV)

8. ▶ 93rd Academy Awards (**Oscars 2021**) -

🎬 Awardees -

Category	Winner
Best Picture	Nomadland
Best Actress in a Leading Role	Frances McDormand (Nomadland)
Best Actor in a Leading Role	Anthony Hopkins ( The Father)
Best Direction	Chloé Zhao (Nomadland). <i>This made Chinese-born filmmaker Chloe Zhao first Asian woman and only second woman ever to win Best Director at Oscars.</i>
Best Supporting Actor	Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah)
Best Supporting Actress	Youn Yuh-jung (Minari)
Best Original Score	Jon Batiste, Trent Reznor, and Atticus Ross <i>for</i> Soul

Best Original Song	Fight for You from <i>Judas and the Black Messiah</i>
Best Animated Feature Film	Soul
Best International Feature Film / Foreign Language Film	Another Round (Denmark)
Best Animated Short Film	If Anything Happens I Love You
Best Documentary Feature	My Octopus Teacher
Best Documentary Short	Colette
Best Cinematography	Erik Messerschmidt, <i>for</i> Mank
Best Film editing	Mikkel E.G. Nielsen <i>for</i> Sound of Metal

#### Facts -

-  Oscars are most prestigious honour in Film Industry globally.
-  Hosted in Los Angeles (California), US.
-  Most awards this year - Nomadland (3)
-  Most nominations - Mank (10)

9. ▶ *In The Dream House: A Memoir* by **Carmen Maria Machado** won Rathbones Folio Prize 2021. It carries grant of 30000 Euros, being given since 2014.

10. ▶ **Gandhi Peace Prize** for **2019** and **2020** -

 **2019** - (Late) **Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said** of Oman.

 **2020** - Bangabandhu **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**.

#### About -

-  It is an annual award instituted by Government of India since 1995, on 125th Birth Anniversary commemoration year of M K Gandhi.
-  Jury is chaired by PM Narendra Modi. Two eminent members are also part of Jury - Om Birla (Speaker of Lok Sabha), and Bindeshwar Pathak (Founder of Sulabh International).
-  Award carries amount of Rs. 1 crore, a citation, a plaque and an exquisite traditional handicraft/ handloom item.

11. ▶ **Gita Mittal** (Former CJ of J&K HC) has been declared as one of two recipients of **Arline Pacht Global Vision Award** for 2021, along with Margarita Luna Ramos from Mexico.

 International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) instituted this award in 2016. Gita Mittal is first Indian judge to receive this award.

 At present, Gita Mittal is Chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).

12. ▶ **Laureus Sports Awards 2021** -

🖋️ Sportsman of the Year Award: Rafael Nadal (Spain - Tennis).

🖋️ Its Nadal's 2nd title, after First in 2011.

🖋️ Sportswoman of the Year Award: Naomi Osaka (Japan - Tennis).

🖋️ This is Osaka's second Laureus Sports Awards. In 2019, she won *Breakthrough of the Year* award.

🖋️ Team of the Year Award: Bayern Munich (German Football Club)

🖋️ Breakthrough of the Year Award: Patrick Mahomes (American football Player)

🖋️ comeback of the Year Award: Max Parrot (Canadian snowboarder)

🖋️ Sport for Good Award: KICKFORMORE by KICKFAIR

🖋️ Lifetime Achievement Award: Billie Jean King (US - Tennis)

🖋️ Athlete Advocate of the Year Award: Lewis Hamilton (British F1 Racer)

🖋️ Sporting Inspiration Award: Mohamed Salah (Egyptian footballer)

🖋️ Sporting Moment of the Year Award: Chris Nikic (American triathlete)

13. ▶ AIFF Player of the Year Awards 2020 -

🖋️ Men's Player of the Year - Sandesh Jhingan

🖋️ Women's Player of the Year - Bala Devi

🖋️ Emerging Player of the Year - Suresh Singh Wangjam (Men) AND Manisha Kalyan (Women)

14. ▶ Andrea Meza from Mexico won Miss Universe Title for 2020.

🖋️ Miss India Adline Castelino had made it to top 4.

15. ▶ As per 2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards -

🖋️ Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is named among world's top 50 airports. Other Indian Airports in List - Hyderabad (64), Mumbai (65), Bengaluru (71)

🖋️ Top 5 Globally -

🖋️ Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar

🖋️ Haneda Airport in Tokyo

🖋️ Changi Airport in Singapore

🖋️ Incheon International Airport in Incheon, South Korea

🖋️ Narita International Airport (NRT) in Tokyo

16. ▶ Assam Government will institute its own series of annual awards similar to Padma awards at central level.

🖋️ Asom Ratna Award, which was earlier conferred only once every three years, will now be awarded every year to one person.

✍ Three new sets of awards on the lines of Padma Awards namely- Asom Bibhushan, Asom Bhushan, and Asom Shree will be conferred.

✍ Asom Bibhushan will be presented to 3, Asom Bhushan to 2 and Asom Shree will be presented to 10 individuals every year.

✍ 5 lakh award money will be given to Asom Ratna awardee, 3 lakh to Asom Bibhushan, 2 lakh to Asom Bhushan and 1 lakh to Asom Shree awardees.

✍ Awardees will also be given benefits such as Freemedical treatment and Travel.

✍ Other Announcements -

✍ Assam will also confer a Literary pension in the name of litterateur Homen Borgohain on his birthday (December 7).

✍ Sports pension will be conferred in name of Arjun awardee Bogeswar Barua on his birthday (September 3).

✍ Will also confer the Artiste Award on January 17.

17. ▶ Awardees at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne Awards 2021 (Held Virtually)

✍ Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru

✍ Best Performance Male (Feature): Suriya Sivakumar (Soorarai Pottru)

✍ Best Performance Female (Feature): Vidya Balan (Sherni) & Honourable mention to Nimisha Sajayan (The Great Indian Kitchen)

✍ Best Director: Anurag Basu (Ludo) & Honorary Mention Prithvi Konanur (Pinki Elli?)

✍ Best Series: Mirzapur Season 2

✍ Best Indie Film: Fire in the Mountains

✍ Best Documentary Film: Shut Up Sona

18. ▶ Bangladeshi Nobel Peace Prize winner **Muhammad Yunus** will receive **Olympic Laurel** at Tokyo Olympic Games 2020, the second time the trophy will be awarded. Yunus founded the *Grameen Bank* in 1983 and was awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 2006.

✍ Olympic Laurel is a distinction awarded by International Olympic Committee, to honour those who have *made significant achievements in education, culture, development and peace through sport*. It was introduced in 2016.

19. ▶ Bengaluru teacher Shyamala Ganesh, the former director of the Japanese Language School, will be conferred *Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays*, by Japanese Govt.

20. ▶ Bhutan's India-assisted Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project has been conferred with **Brunel Medal** awarded by London-based Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), for being a hallmark of excellence in civil engineering.

21. ▶ Bollywood Actor **Anupam Kher** won Best Actor award at New York City International Film Festival (US), for short film *Happy Birthday*.

✍ The film also won Best Short Film award.

22. ▶ Cambridge University (UK) professors **Shankar Balasubramanian** (Indian-Origin) and **David Klenerman** won 1 million euro (\$1.22 million) **Millennium Technology Prize 2020**, for developing a super-fast DNA sequencing technique that paved way for revolutionary healthcare advances.
23. ▶ Cannes Film Festival 2021 Awards -
- ✍️ Palme d'Or: **Titane** by Julia Ducournau
  - ✍️ Grand Prix:
    - ✍️ A Hero by Asghar Farhadi
    - ✍️ Compartment No. 6 by Juho Kuosmanen
  - ✍️ Jury Prize:
    - ✍️ Ahed's Knee by Nadav Lapid
    - ✍️ Memoria by Apichatpong Weerasethakul
  - ✍️ Best Director: Leos Carax for Annette
  - ✍️ Best Actress: Renate Reinsve for The Worst Person in the World
  - ✍️ Best Actor: Caleb Landry Jones for Nitram
  - ✍️ Honorary Palme d'Or: Jodie Foster and Marco Bellocchio
  - ✍️ L'Œil d'or (Golden Eye - Best Documentary): A Night of Knowing Nothing by **Payal Kapadia** (Indian filmmaker)
24. ▶ Chief Hydrographer of India **Vinay Badhwar** has been conferred **Alexander Dalrymple award** by British Government, for his work in areas of hydrography and nautical cartography.
- ✍️ Badhwar was conferred with the award in 2019, however, the award ceremony was delayed because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
  - ✍️ The Alexander Dalrymple Award has been named after first hydrographer of Admiralty, instituted in 2006.
25. ▶ Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan honoured Indian-origin businessman **Yusuffali MA** and 11 other individuals with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award for their contributions to community. Yusuffali is CMD of Abu Dhabi-based retail chain LuLu Group.
26. ▶ Engineers India Limited (EIL) CMD RK Sabharwal has been honoured with highest civilian award of **Mongolia**, *The Order of Polar Star*, for outstanding contribution towards establishment of first-ever oil refinery in Mongolia.
- ✍️ Earlier, PM Narendra Modi announced line of credit worth USD 1 billion to Mongolia, during his visit. It was later decided to use this Line of Credit for establishment of first Oil Refinery in Mongolia.
  - ✍️ EIL later secured contract for providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services for 1.5 MTPA Grassroot refinery project.

27. ▶ European Patent Office (EPO) honoured Indian-American chemist **Sumita Mitra** with European Inventor Award 2021, in *Non-EPO countries* category.
- ✍ Mitra was first to successfully integrate nanotechnology into dental materials to produce stronger and more aesthetically pleasing fillings, now used globally.
28. ▶ FIH Honorary Awards -
- ✍ Hockey India won **Etienne Glichitch Award**, for its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in India.
  - ✍ Pablo Negre Award - Uzbekistan Hockey Federation.
  - ✍ Theo Ikema Award - Polish Hockey Association.
  - ✍ HRH Sultan Azlan Shah Award - Sharon Williamson (New Zealand).
  - ✍ Guust Lathouwers Memorial Trophy - Ivona Makar.
29. ▶ Former Indian Footballer **Shibaji Banerjee** has been posthumously conferred with *Mohun Bagan Ratna* Title. Notably, He kept Brazil's legendary footballer Pele from scoring a goal in an exhibition match in 1977. Background -
- ✍ Mohun Bagan were declared champions in IFA Shield campaign in 1911. This marked first time a native club defeated British and British-Indian teams in a football tournament.
  - ✍ Since 2001, July 29 is celebrated as Mohun Bagan Day, in honour of club's victory over East Yorkshire Regiment in 1911 IFA Shield Final.
30. ▶ Former Kerala Health Minister **KK Shailaja** has been honored with *Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize 2021*, given to organizations /individuals whose achievements have contributed to the creation of an open society.
31. ▶ French architects **Anne Lacaton** and **Jean-Philippe Vassal**, founders of French studio Lacaton & Vassal, have been named 2021 winners of **Pritzker Architecture Prize**.
- ✍ Pritzker Architecture Prize is awarded annually to exceptional architect(s), Founded in 1979 by Jay A. Pritzker and sponsored by Hyatt Foundation. It is often referred to as Nobel Prize of architecture.
  - ✍ It carries monetary grant of US\$100000.
32. ▶ French novelist **David Diop** won **International Booker Prize 2021** for English Translation of his book *Frere d' ame*, translated into english as *At Night All Blood is Black*, by *Anna Moschovakis*.
- ✍ He is first French winner of Booker prize, which is awarded for a book translated into English and published in UK or Ireland.
  - ✍ International Booker Prize (formerly *Man Booker International Prize*) is an international literary award hosted in UK, given Since 2016 to a single book translated into English and published in UK / Ireland, with £50,000 prize shared equally between author and translator.

✍ It is separate from Booker Prize, Earlier Booker–McConnell Prize (1969–2001) and Man Booker Prize (2002–2019). It is a literary prize awarded each year for best novel written in English and published in UK / Ireland.

33. ▶ Government announced **67th National Film Awards**, honoring best work in Indian Cinema in **2019**.

✍ Note that National Film awards were not announced in 2020, due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

✍ Jury Heads -

✍ N Chandra - Feature Film Category (Central panel)

✍ N. Karun - Best Film Friendly State

✍ Arun Chaddha (Non-Feature Film Category)

✍ Utpal Borpujari (Best Writing on Cinema).

✍ Dadasaheb Phalke Award (INR 10 Lakh) -

✍ **Rajinikanth.**

✍ Best Film Friendly State - **Sikkim.**

✍ Feature Films -

✍ Golden Lotus -

✍ Best Feature Film - Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea (Malayalam)

✍ Best Direction - Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan for *Bahattar Hoorain* (Hindi)

✍ Best Debut Film of a Director Helen Malayalam - Mathukutty Xavier for *Helen* (Malayalam)

✍ Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment - Maharshi (Telugu)

✍ Best Children's Film - Kastoori (Hindi)

✍ Silver Lotus -

✍ Best Feature Film on National Integration - Taj Mahal (Marathi)

✍ Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation - Water (Burial Monpa)

✍ Best Actor - **Manoj Bajpayee** for Bhonsle (Hindi) and **Dhanush** for Asuran (Tamil)

✍ Best Actress - **Kangana Ranaut** for Manikarnika and Panga

✍ Best Supporting Actor - Vijay Sethupathi for Super Deluxe (Tamil)

✍ Best Supporting Actress - Pallavi Joshi for (The Tashkent Files)

✍ Best Child Artist - Naga Vishal for KD (Tamil)

✍ Best Male Playback Singer - B Praak for Teri Mitti (Kesari)

✍ Best Female Playback Singer - Savani Ravindra for Marathi Song Raan Petala (Bardo)

✍ Best Cinematography - Girish Gangadharan for Jallikattu (Malayalam)

✍ Music Direction -

✍ Songs - D. Imman for Tamil (Viswasam)

✍ Background Score - Prabuddha Banerjee for Jyeshthoputro (Bengali)

✍ Regional Movies -

✍ Assamese - Ronuwa - Who Never Surrender

✍ Bengali - Gumnaami

✍ Hindi - Chhichhore

✍ Kannada - Akshi

✍ Konkani - Kaajro

✍ Malayalam - Kalla Nottam

✍ Manipuri - Eigi Kona

✍ Odia - Sala Budhar Badla and Kalira Atita

✍ Marathi - Bardo

✍ Punjabi - Rabb Da Radio 2

✍ Tamil - Asuran

✍ Telugu - Jersey

✍ Special Jury Award - R. Parthiban for Oththa Seruppu Size 7 (Tamil)

✍ Non-Feature Films -

✍ Golden Lotus -

✍ Best Non-Feature Film - An Engineered Dream (Hindi)

✍ Best Director in Non-Feature Film - Sudhanshu Saria for Knock Knock Knock (English & Bengali)

✍ Best Writing on Cinema -

✍ Golden Lotus -

✍ Best Book on Cinema - Sanjay Suri for *A Gandhian Affair: India's Curious Portrayal of Love in Cinema* (Malayalam)

✍ Best Film Critic - Sohini Chattopadhyay

34. ▶ Govt renamed **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** as **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**, changing nomenclature of Highest Sporting Honour in India.

35. ▶ Hyderabad based hunger activist *Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi*, who has been feeding thousands of people every day as part of his food drive 'Hunger Has No Religion', has been awarded UK's *Commonwealth Points of Light award*.
36. ▶ IIT Khagragpur Professor **Suman Chakraborty** has been selected for 30th GD Birla Award for Scientific Research, for his outstanding contribution to engineering science and its applications in developing technologies for affordable healthcare.
- ✍ About the award -
    - ✍ Instituted in 1991 by K K Birla Foundation, this award recognises eminent Indian scientists below age of 50 years, for their outstanding contributions to science / technology. It carries cash prize of 5 lakh.
    - ✍ Awards Instituted by K K Birla Foundation in 1991 -
      - ✍ Saraswati Samman - For literary work in any Indian language
      - ✍ Vyas Samman - For prose/poetry work in Hindi
      - ✍ Bihari Puraskar - For prose/poetry work in Hindi/Rajasthani, only authors from Rajasthan are eligible
      - ✍ Shankar Puraskar - For a work in Hindi concerning Indian philosophy, culture and/or art.
      - ✍ Vachaspati Puraskar - For any work in Sanskrit.
      - ✍ G.D. Birla Award for Scientific Research
37. ▶ India's Rumana Sinha Sehgal won Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021 by Diplomatic Mission Global Peace, for her contribution to field of developing innovative and functional green products by recycling varied materials and non-biodegradable materials.
38. ▶ India-Born **Tahera Qutbuddin** became first Indian to win **Sheikh Zayed Book Award 2021** in category *Arabic Culture in Other Languages*, for her book *Arabic Oration: Art and Function*'.
39. ▶ Indian Econometric Society (TIES) Trust named 2 noted economic scholars for **Prof. C.R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal award - Jagdish Bhagwati** (Columbia University) and **C Rangarajan** (Former chairman of Economic Advisory Council of PM and former RBI governor).
- ✍ The medal was instituted by TIES Trust to mark 100th birthday celebration of renowned mathematician statistician CR Rao (on September 10, 2020).
40. ▶ Indian Graphic artist **Anand Radhakrishnan** won **Will Eisner Comic Industry Award**, considered the Oscars equivalent of the comics world.
- ✍ He won in *Best Painter/Multimedia Artist (interior art)* category, sharing the award with UK-based colourist John Pearson. They won for their work on UK-based author Ram V's 145-page graphic novel *Blue In Green*, published in October 2020 by Image Comics.

41. ▶ Indian actress Tillotama Shome won Best Actor award at 2021 UK Asian Film Festival (UKAFF), for her role in *Raahgir*. Filmmaker Goutam Ghose also won Best Director award at UKAFF.
42. ▶ Indian-origin entrepreneur **Ajay Dilwari** has been honoured with Canada's **Order of British Columbia** award, the province's highest form of recognition. Dilwari, owner of Canada's largest automotive group, *Dilawri Group*, is among 16 *exceptional people* to be appointed to *Order of British Columbia*.
43. ▶ Indian-origin nutritionist **Shakuntala Hark Singh Thilstad** received **World Food Prize 2021**, for developing a holistic and nutritionally sensitive approach to seafood and food systems.
  - ✎ The award is also known as Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture, with \$ 250000 prize money.
44. ▶ Industrial / Misc. Awards (April 2021) -
  - ✎ Vinod Sam Peter directed Marathi film Puglya won best foreign language film award at Moscow International Film Festival 2021.
45. ▶ Industrial / Misc. Awards (July 2021) -
  - ✎ In 8th edition of National Community Radio Awards instituted by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting -
    - ✎ Radio Vishwas 90.8, a Community Radio Station (CRS) in Nashik (Maharashtra) won first prize in *Sustainability Model* category and 2nd prize in *Thematic* category, for its radio program 'Education for All' in times of COVID-19.
    - ✎ *Shikshan Sarvansathi* (Education for all) initiative won 1st Prize under Thematic Category, which was started in June 2020 to provide free education for students from 3rd to 10th grade, during times of COVID-19.
  - ✎ India's *Invest India* has been awarded world's most innovative Investment Promotion Agency Award 2021 by OCO Global.
  - ✎ Freelance filmmaker Deepti Pillay Sivan's documentary *Decoding Shankar*, about life of Noted musician Shankar Mahadevan, won *Best Film Award* (Documentary (Best Biographical)) at Toronto International Women Film Festival 2021.
  - ✎ Delhi Metro won *Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award 2020* from *Japan Society of Civil Engineers*, for its high-quality infrastructure development projects under phases I-III.
  - ✎ Korean Air has been named winner of *Air Transport World's (ATW) 2021 Airline of the Year* Title.
  - ✎ 14 year old girl *Zaila Avant-garde* became first African American to win 50000 USD Scripps National Spelling Bee (US), after winning 2021 edition.
  - ✎ Govt launched *National Logistics Excellence Awards*, with 2 categories - 1st includes logistics infrastructure/service providers and 2nd for various user industries. Winners for 1st edition of awards will be announced on Oct 31, 2021.
  - ✎ *Pushti Nirbhor* backyard garden project in Cachar District of Assam won National Silver SKOCH Award, for enabling a village on Bangladesh border to consume nutritious plants and vegetables and earn by selling surplus produce.
46. ▶ Industrial / Misc. Awards (March 2021) -

- ✍️ *The Hindu Group* won two golds and two silvers at South Asian Digital Media Awards given by WAN IFRA (World Association of News Publishers), named 'Champion Publisher of the Year'.
- ✍️ Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan has been conferred with Top-20 Global Women of Excellence-2021 award by US.
- ✍️ Indian female forest officer from Odisha, Sasmita Lanka has been felicitated with United Nation's Asia Environmental Enforcement Award.
- ✍️ Actress Deepika Padukone has been named in list of Young Global Leaders (YGLs) compiled by the World Economic Forum, a part of 2021 class of YGLs.
- ✍️ Team from IIT Kharagpur won CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0, sponsored by Cushman and Wakefield, KI and IA. This is first time that a squad from India has emerged as winners in CoreNet Global Academic Challenge, since its inception in 2015.
  - ✍️ CoreNet Global is a non-profit association, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia (US).
- ✍️ Antara Banerjee, scientist at National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, received SERB Women Excellence Award 2021 for her contribution in understanding endocrinology in female reproduction that could help in assisted reproductive technologiesfemales.
- ✍️ Marico Chairman Harsh Mariwala has been named EY Entrepreneur for 2020.
- ✍️ HDFC Bank has been named *India's Best Bank for SMEs* at Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021.

47. ▶ Industrial / Misc. Awards (May 2021) -

- ✍️ Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) conferred Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) with *Green Urja Award*, for being leading public institution in financing renewable energy.
- ✍️ *International Invincible Gold Medal 2021* has been conferred on Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, by Maharshi Organisation.
- ✍️ Emmy Award-nominated Indian choreographer Suresh Mukund won 10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020', becoming first Indian to do so. He won in *TV Reality Show / Competition* category, for his work on American TV reality show 'World of Dance'.
- ✍️ Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik private secretary Karthikeyan Pandian has been conferred with President's award by International Hockey Federation, through 47th FIH Congress, for his contribution in promotion of hockey in Odisha.
- ✍️ SpiceHealth, a healthcare company founded by promoters of SpiceJet, won Gold Award at 2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards for 'Most Valuable Medical Innovation' under coronavirus disease (Covid-19) response category.

48. ▶ Italian Actor-Director Roberto Benigni will receive Golden Lion Award for Lifetime Achievement at 78th Venice International Film Festival, to be held in September 2021.

49. ▶ Journalist *Omchery N N Pillai* has been selected for Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)'s Literary Award for 2021.

50. ▶ K.K. Birla Foundation's 30th **Bihari Puraskar** for 2020 will be given to **Mohankrishna Bohara** for his Hindi book of Criticism, titled **Taslima: Sangharsh aur Sahitya**.

✍ The award is one of the three literary awards instituted by the K.K. Birla Foundation in 1991. Named after famous Hindi poet Bihari.

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51. ▶ Karnataka Govt named Sri Basavalinga Pattaddevaru (senior seer of Bhalki Hiremath) for *Sri Basava International Award*.

52. ▶ Krithi K Karanth, Scientist at Bengaluru-based Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), has been named as first Indian and Asian woman for 2021 'WILD Innovator Award, given by *WILD ELEMENTS Foundation*.

53. ▶ Lawrence Gussman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science, **Alfred V. Aho** won 2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) A.M. Turing Award, known informally as the “Nobel Prize of computing.”

✍ He shares the award with his long-time collaborator Jeffrey David Ullman.

✍ Aho and Ullman began working together at Bell Labs in 1967 and their early efforts included developing efficient algorithms for analyzing and translating programming languages.

✍ Turing Award carries a \$1 million prize, with financial support provided by Google. It is named for Alan M. Turing, the British mathematician who articulated the mathematical foundation and limits of computing.

54. ▶ Legendary playback singer **Asha Bhosle** has been named for Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2021, sponsored by Maharashtra Govt.

✍ Maharashtra Bhushan is highest civilian award presented by government of Maharashtra state, awarded since 1996.

✍ It was initially conferred in fields of Literature, Art, Sport, and Science. Later, Social Work, Journalism, Public Administration and Health Services were included.

✍ Award carries cash prize of 10 lakh.

55. ▶ Literary honour **Devishankar Awasthi Award** has been awarded to Hindi journalist and critic **Ashutosh Bhardwaj**, for his work ‘Pitra-Vadh’.

56. ▶ Maharashtra Government Named Singer **Asha Bhosle** as winner of Maharashtra Bhushan award 2020, the state government's highest honour.

- ✎ The award was instituted in 1996, to recognise distinguished work and eminent persons from state, with cash prize of 10 lakh.
57. ▶ Maharashtra Govt introduced Rajiv Gandhi Award for excellence in IT Sector, for firms excelling in Information Technology (IT) sector in state.
- ✎ It'll be conferred upon awardee firms on August 20 (birth anniversary of Former PM late Rajiv Gandhi).
58. ▶ Misc / Industrial Awards (August 2021) -
- ✎ Madhya Pradesh's Satpura Tiger Reserve has been awarded the NatWest Group Earth Heroes award in Earth Guardian category, for best management.
  - ✎ Telangana Government's use case *Crowd Monitoring using AI*, won AI Gamechanger Award by Nasscom.
    - ✎ State's Counter Intelligence Cell had used AI solution for managing crowds during India vs WI T20 match at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in 2019 and during Medaram Jathara festival in 2020.
  - ✎ Nagaland State won 7 national awards on first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21, during celebration of 34th foundation day of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).
  - ✎ Govt announced Winners for MeitY-NASSCOM Start-up Women Entrepreneur Awards 2020-21, in partnership with UN Women.
    - ✎ 12 women entrepreneurs have been named as winners, while 2 women entrepreneurs declared as Jury Choice Awardees and 1 woman entrepreneur felicitated as a special mention. Each winner and Jury Choice Awardees were rewarded Rs. 2 Lakh.
    - ✎ Also, MyGov and UN Women jointly launched *Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Innovation Challenge 2021*, to encourage technology solutions developed by Women Entrepreneurs that facilitate Women's Safety and Empowerment.
59. ▶ Misc. / Industrial Awards (June 2021) -
- ✎ Kerala-origin Canadian Photographer Thomas Vijayan won 2021 Nature TTL Photography Award, for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree, titled *The World is Going Upside Down*.
  - ✎ Cochin International Airport won Airport Council International (ACI) Director General's Roll of Excellence honour in Airport Service Quality.
60. ▶ Nagaland Conservationist **Y Nuklu Phom** has been named among winners of *Whitley Awards 2021* (also known as Green Oscar), donated by MAVA Foundation, for his efforts in establishing a biodiversity peace corridor in Nagaland. Other Winners of *Whitley Awards 2021* -
- ✎ Paula Kahumbu (Whitley Gold Award) (Kenya) Whitley Gold Award donated by the Friends of Whitley Fund for Nature
  - ✎ Sammy Safari (Kenya) - Whitley Award donated by The Corcoran Foundation
  - ✎ Iroro Tanshi (Nigeria) - Whitley Award donated by the Arcus Foundation
  - ✎ Kini Roesler (Argentina) - Whitley Award donated by The Frank Brake Charitable Trust

 Pedro Fruet (Brazil) - Whitley Award donated by The William Brake Foundation

 Lucy Kemp (South Africa) - Whitley Award donated by Anne Reece

61. ▶ National Book Critics Circle Awards -

 Fiction - Maggie O'Farrell (for *Hamnet*)

 Non-fiction - Tom Zoellner (for *Island on Fire: The Revolt That Ended Slavery in the British Empire*)

 Autobiography - Cathy Park Hong ( for *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*)

 Biography - Amy Stanley (for *Stranger in the Shogun's City: A Japanese Woman and Her World*)

 Criticism - Nicole Fleetwood (for *Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration*)

 Poetry - Francine J. Harris (for *Here Is The Sweet Hand*)

 About -

 Annual American literary awards by National Book Critics Circle (NBCC) to promote *finest books and reviews published in English*, presented since 1976.

62. ▶ Naturalist **Jane Goodall** (UK) has been announced as 2021 winner of **Templeton prize** in recognition of her work on animal intelligence and humanity. She Considered to be the world's foremost expert on chimpanzees.

 Templeton Prize is annually granted since 1972. Monetary value of the prize is adjusted so that it exceeds that of the Nobel Prizes. As of 2019, it is £1.1 million.

63. ▶ New Zealand Cricket Awards 2020-21 -

 Kane Williamson won New Zealand Cricket's Top Honor *Sir Richard Hadlee Medal* for fourth time consecutively.

 International Test Player of the Year: Kane Williamson

 International Men's ODI Player of the Year - Devon Conway

 International Men's T20 Player of the Year - Devon Conway

 International Women's ODI Player of the Year - Amy Satterthwaite

 International Women's T20 Player of the Year - Amelia Kerr

 Redpath Cup for first-class batting - Kane Williamson

64. ▶ Niger President **Mahamadou Issoufou** won **2020 Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership**, worth \$5 million.

 **Mahamadou Issoufou** is 6th winner of the Ibrahim Prize, which began in 2007, by Sudanese billionaire Mo Ibrahim's foundation to promote good governance in Africa.

 With US\$5 million payment, this prize is world's largest, exceeding \$1.3m Nobel Peace Prize.

65. ▶ Nobel Laureate Indian economist **Amartya Kumar Sen** has been awarded **Spain's top Princess of Asturias Award** in *Social Sciences category*, by Spanish Prize Foundation. Other Winners of *2021 Princess of Asturias Awards* -

✎ Concord - *José Andrés* and *the World Central Kitchen*

✎ Technical and Scientific Research - Katalin Karikó, Drew Weissman, Philip Felgner, Uğur Şahin, Özlem Türeci, Derrick Rossi and Sarah Gilbert

✎ Sports - Teresa Perales (Spain)

✎ Literature - Emmanuel Carrère (France)

✎ International Cooperation - *CAMFED, Campaign for Female Education*

✎ Communication and Humanities - Gloria Steinem (US)

✎ Arts - Marina Abramović (Serbia)

66. ▶ Noted **Marathi** writer **Sharankumar Limbale** will receive Saraswati Samman 2020 for his book **Sanatan**. It carries monetary grant of 15 lakh rupees.

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67. ▶ Noted Chemist and Bharat Ratna Awardee **C.N.R. Rao** received **International Eni Award 2020**, in *Energy Frontiers* Category, considered as Nobel Prize in Energy Research.

✎ Eni Awards are awarded by Italian oil and gas company Eni, to encourage better use of energy sources and increased environmental research. Award will be presented in October 2021, at Quirinal Palace in Rome (Italy).

✎ Other Recipients of ENI Awards 2020 -

✎ *Energy Transition prize* awarded to *David T. Allen* of University of Texas (US) for his researches on highly topical issue of fugitive methane emissions.

✎ *Advanced Environmental Solutions prize* awarded to *Jürgen Caro* and *Jörg Kärger*, from Universities of Hanover and Leipzig respectively (Germany), for development of micro-imaging techniques for observation of diffusive molecule flows in

nanoporous materials.

 *Young Researcher of the Year* prizes awarded to *Matteo Morciano*, who has developed innovative technologies for passive drinking water production using solar energy, and *Francesca De Falco*, for her research about microplastic pollution.

 *Young Talents from Africa* prizes awarded to *Alaa Abbas* and *Mohamed Ahmed Ismail Tarek* (Egypt).

68. ▶ Noted Female Athlete **Dutee Chand** will be honoured with Inaugural **Chhattisgarh Veerni Award**, on occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti (April 14th).
69. ▶ Noted Hindi writer **Sharad Pagare** has been selected for coveted literary award **Vyas Samman 2020** for his novel 'Patliputra ki Samragi'.
70. ▶ Noted Indian Actor **Amitabh Bachchan** has been with *2021 Film Archive Award* by *International Federation of Film Archives (FIAP)*, at a virtual ceremony.
71. ▶ Noted Indian Economist **Kaushik Basu** is named among awardees of **Humboldt Research Award** for *Economics*, given by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Germany, to renowned scientists outside Germany, in recognition of their lifetime's research achievements.
72. ▶ Noted Indian Journalist **P. Sainath** is named among 3 recipients of **Japan's Fukuoka Grand Prize 2021**, in **Grand** Category.
-  Other 2 winners are Japan's Kishimoto Mio (Academic Category) and Thailand's Prabda Yoon (Arts & Culture Category).
  -  Fukuoka Prize is established by Fukuoka City International Foundation (formerly Yokatopia Foundation), to honor outstanding work of individuals or organizations in preserving or creating Asian culture.
  -  There are three prize categories: Grand Prize, Academic Prize, and Arts and Culture Prize.
73. ▶ Noted Odia poet **Rajendra Kishore Panda** has been awarded *Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar 2020*.
-  It was instituted by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Trust in 2013, in memory of late poet laureate Kuvempu.
74. ▶ Noted filmmaker **Guneet Monga** has been conferred with honour of **Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres)**, the second-highest French civilian honour.
-  She served as Executive Producer on *Period. End of Sentence*, which won 2019 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject.
75. ▶ Odisha CM instituted *Manoj Das International Literary Award*, in memory of eminent litterateur Manoj Das.
-  Award will be conferred on litterateurs from Odisha for their creative contribution to English literature every year. It will carry a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh.
  -  Other New Awards -
    -  *Manoj-Kishore Literary Talent Award* - To honor their works to develop interest among youths in both Odia and English literature. It will be announced both in English and Odia categories and carry cash reward of Rs 1 lakh.

 *Manmath-Manoj Memorial Award.*

76. ▶ Odisha-born Andhra Pradesh Governor **Biswabhusan Harichandan** received **Kalinga Ratna Samman** 2021, conferred by Sarla Sahitya Sansad.

77. ▶ PM **Narendra Modi** has been awarded **CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award**, at CERAWeek 2021, held virtually.

 Instituted in 2016. It recognizes the commitment of leadership on the future of global energy & environment and for offering solutions and policies for energy access, affordability & environmental stewardship.

78. ▶ Padma Bhushan awardee noted gastroenterologist D Nageshwar Reddy (chairman of AIG Hospitals) became First Indian to win **Rudolf V Schindler** Award from American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE).

 It is highest category in Crystal Awards named after Dr Schindler, who is considered as “the father of gastroscopy.”

79. ▶ Pulitzer Prize 2021 -

 Winners -

 Letters, Drama, and Music -

 Fiction - The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

 Drama - The Hot Wing King by Katori Hall

 History - Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America by Marcia Chatelain

 Biography or Autobiography - The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X by Les Payne and Tamara Payne

 Poetry - Postcolonial Love Poem by Natalie Diaz

 Music - Stride by Tania León

 General Non-fiction - Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy by David Zucchino

 Journalism -

 Public Service - The New York Times

 Breaking News Reporting - Staff of The Star Tribune

 Investigative Reporting - Matt Rocheleau, Vernal Coleman, Laura Crimaldi, Evan Allen and Brendan McCarthy of The Boston Globe

 Local Reporting - Kathleen McGrory and Neil Bedi of The Tampa Bay Times

 National Reporting - Staffs of The Marshall Project, AL.com, The Indianapolis Star, and the Invisible Institute

 International Reporting - **Megha Rajagopalan**, Alison Killing and Christo Buschek of BuzzFeed News

- ✎ Feature Writing - Mitchell S. Jackson, freelance contributor for Runner's World AND Nadja Drost, freelance contributor for The California Sunday Magazine.
- ✎ Commentary - Michael Paul Williams of the Richmond Times-Dispatch
- ✎ Criticism - Wesley Morris of The New York Times,
- ✎ Editorial Writing - Robert Greene of the Los Angeles Times,
- ✎ Feature Photography - Emilio Morenatti of Associated Press
- ✎ Special Awards and Citations -
  - ✎ A Special Citation was awarded to Darnella Frazier, For *courageously recording the murder of George Floyd*.
- ✎ About Pulitzer Prizes -
  - ✎ Given for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in USA.
  - ✎ Established in 1917 by provisions in will of American (Hungarian-born) Joseph Pulitzer who had made his fortune as a newspaper publisher and is administered by Columbia University in New York City.

80. ► Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020 announced for 20 languages. It contains prize money of 1 Lakh INR. Awardees -

S.No	Language	Title (Genre)	Author
1	Assamese	Bengsata (Short stories)	Apurba Kumar Saikia
2	Bengali	Eka Eka Ekashi (Memoirs)	Mani Shankar Mukhopadhyay
3	Bodo	Gwthenay Lamayao Gwdan Agan (Short stories)	Dharanidhar <i>Owari</i>
4	Dogri	Baba Jitmal (Play)	Gian Singh
5	<b>English</b>	When God Is a Traveller (Poetry)	Arundhati Subramaniam
6	Gujarati	Banaras Diary (Poetry)	Harish Meenakshru
7	<b>Hindi</b>	Token Mein Digant ' Their Gatha" (Poetry)	Anamika
8	Kannada	Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam (EPIC POETRY)	M. Veerappa Moily
9	Kashmiri	Tilasm-e-Khanabadosh (Short stories)	Hiday Koul Bharti
10	Konkani	Yugaparivarathanancho Yatri (Poetry)	RS Bhaskar
11	Maithili	Gachh Roosai Achhi (Short Stories)	Kamalkant Jha
12	Manipuri	Malangbana Kari Hai (Poetry)	Irungbam Deven
13	Marathi	Udya (Novel)	Nanda Khare
14	Punjabi	Aam Khass (Short stories)	Gurdev Singh Rupana
15	<b>Sanskrit</b>	Vaishali (Novel)	Mahesh Chandra Sharma Gautam
16	Santali	Gur Dak Kasa Dak(Poetry)	Rupchand Hansdah
17	Sindhi	Jehad (Plays)	Jetho Lalwani

18	Tamil	Sellaatha Panam (Novel)	Imaiyam
19	Telugu	Agniswaasa(2015-17) Poetry	Nikhileswar
20	Urdu	Amawas Mein Khwab (Novel)	Hussain-ul-Haque

 Awards for Malayalam, Nepali, Odia and Rajasthani Languages will be announced later.

81. ▶ Saudi activist Loujain al-Hathloul has been awarded **Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize** (named after former Czech dissident and later President), for her fight for women’s rights in Saudi Arabia.

 It is awarded annually for civil society action in defence of human rights by Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

82. ▶ UN Development Programme named Indian Organizations **Snehakunja Trust** and **Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company** among 10 awardees of **Equator Prize 2021**, for their work in field of biodiversity and conservation.

 Equator Prize is a biennial award by UNDP is given to recognize community efforts of reducing poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Winners receive prize money of US \$10000 .

83. ▶ United Nations Global Compact recognised India's Sumant Sinha (ReNew Power Chairman & MD) as one of ten 2021 SDG Pioneers, for exceptional work in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through implementation of UN Global Compact Ten Principles on human rights, environment, labor, and anti-corruption.

84. ▶ Vaccine maker Serum Institute of India (SII) Chairman Cyrus Poonawalla has been honoured with **Lokmanya Tilak National Award** for 2021, given by Lokmanya Tilak Smarak Trust, for his work during COVID-19 pandemic.

85. ▶ World number two tennis player **Naomi Osaka** of Japan has been named “**Sportswoman of the Year**” at the **2021 Laureus World Sports Awards**. This is Osaka’s second Laureus Sports Awards. In 2019, she won the “**Breakthrough of the Year**” award.

86. ▶ Zimbabwe Author **Tsitsi Dangarembga** won **PEN Pinter Prize 2021**, given annually *to a British writer or a writer resident in Britain of outstanding literary merit*.

 This award was launched in 2009 by English PEN in honour of late Nobel Literature Prize-winning playwright Harold Pinter.

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