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1. Zverev named Germany's Sportsman of the Year (Dec. 22, 2021)

World's No. 3, Alexander Zverev (24 years old tennis player) of Germany was awarded with the German's Sportsman of the year at the 2021 German Athlete Awards.

- He became the first tennis player, since 1991, to win the award.
- The **75th edition of the awards was organized by the Internationale Sport-Korrespondenz (ISK),** a sports journalist agency in Germany.
- It was held on 19th December 2021 at the prestigious Kurhaus Baden-Boden.

2. Jnanpith Award for 2020 and 2021 announced (Dec. 10, 2021)

- It is the highest literary award in India and is given annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an Indian author for their "outstanding contribution towards literature".
- It is given to Indian writers writing in any of the 22 Indian languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
- The 56th Jnanpith award 2020 was conferred to Assamese poet Nilmani Phookan. He has written Surya Henu Nami Ahe Ei Nodiyedi, Gulapi Jamur Lagna, and Kobita.
- The 57th Jnanpith award 2021 was conferred on Konkani novelist Damodar Mauzo. His famous works are Karmelin, and Tsunami Simon, and short stories, such as Teresa's Man and Other Stories from Goa, Ganthon.
- The Jnanpith Award was instituted in 1961 and the first person to get the award was G. Shankar Kurup for his Malayalam poetry collection Odakkuzhal in 1965.

3. 33rd Moortidevi Award 2019 to Vishwanath prasad Tiwari (Dec. 19, 2021)

- Eminent Hindi author Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari got the 33rd Moorti Devi award 2019 for his work **"Asti Aur Bhavati**".
- The Moortidevi award is given by Bharatiya Jnanpith to Indian writers writing in any of the 22 Indian languages mentioned in the Eight schedule of the Indian Constitution .
- The first awardee was C.K.Nagaraja Rao for his work Pattamahadevi Shantala Devi written in Kannada 1983.
- First women awardee was Odia writer Pratibha Ray in 1985 for her work Yajnasani
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 m st}$ awardee was Joy Goswami for his Bengali work ${\it Du}$ Dondo Phowara Matro in 2017.
- No award was given in 2018.

4. Bhutan Confers its highest civilian award on PM Modi (Dec. 18, 2021)

- King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck has conferred its highest civilian award "Order of the Druk Gyalpo" on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 17th December 2021.
- This was announced on the occasion of Bhutan's 114th National Day.
- In 2020, PM Modi was awarded with the **Legion of Merit Award by the President of the United States** along with the Prime Minister of Australia **Scott Morrison** and the former Prime Minister of Japan **Shinzo Abe.**

Bhutan

- It is a Buddhist Kingdom on Himalaya's Eastern Edge.
- King: Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- Prime Minister: Lotay Tshering
- Currency: NgultrumCapital: Thimphu

5. Columbia Journalism School's alumni award (Dec. 16, 2021)

Malini Parthasarathy, the chairperson of The Hindu Group Publishing, is among four veteran journalists who have been named by US-based Columbia Journalism School as the 2022 alumni award winners.

- Other recipients of the award include:
 - **Eric Marcus**, the founder and host of 'Making Gay History' podcast.
 - **Stuart Schear**, the vice-president for communications and marketing at American Jewish World Service.
 - **Thomas Maier**, an investigative journalist with Newsday and author.

The Columbia Journalism School Alumni Awards are presented every year to distinguished graduates who exemplify the best of the Journalism School's high standards of journalism.

6. Nobel Prize 2021 (Dec. 11, 2021)

Nobel prize 2021 winners were conferred with the prize on 10 December The award is announced in the month of October but it is given to the winner on 10 december ,the birth anniversary of Alfred Nobel. All the Nobel prizes are given in Stockholm except the Peace prize, which is given in Oslo, Norway. Norway and Sweden were united by a monarch until 1905 when Norway became an Independent Kingdom .

Nobel Prize Winner 2021.

Physics

Syukuro Manabe of Japan and Klaus Hasselmann of Germany and Girogio Parisi of Italy

"for the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming"

Giorgio Parisi of Italy

"for the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales"

Chemistry

Benjamin List of Germany and David W.C. MacMillan of Scotland

- "for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis"

Medicine/Physiology

David Julius of U.S and Ardem Patapoutian of U.S

- "for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch"

Peace

Maria Ressa of Philippines and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov of Russia

Maria Ressa in 2012, co-founded Rappler, a digital media company for investigative journalism.

Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov was the co-founder of the independent newspaper Novaya Gazeta.Novaya Gazeta is the most independent newspaper in Russia today.

Literature

Abdulrazak Gurnah of Britain . He was born in Tanzania, Africa.

His famous works are Paradise, By the Sea, Desertion

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences

David Card of Canada, Joshua D. Angrist of the U.S and Guido W. Imbens of Holland David Card got this award - "for his empirical contributions to labour economics"

Joshua D. Angrist of the U.S and Guido W. Imbens of Holland for

- "their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships"

NOBEL PRIZE

- The Nobel Prize are five separate prizes awarded annually, that, according to Alfred Nobel's will of 1895, are awarded to "those who, during the preceding year, have conferred the greatest benefit to Mankind."
- Nobel Prizes are awarded in the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace
- In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) funded the establishment of the Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, to also be administered by the Nobel Foundation
- **Nobel Prizes are not awarded posthumously**, but if a person is awarded a prize and dies before receiving it, the prize is presented.
- The prize money is given in Swedish Krona , SEK.

The Nobel Prizes, begun in 1901, and the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, begun in 1969.

TRIVIA

- The youngest Nobel laureate is Ms Malala Yousafzai who was awarded the Peace Prize 2014 when she was 17 years old.
- The oldest Nobel laureate is John B. Goodenough who was awarded the Prize in Chemistry in 2019 when he was 97 years old.
- Laureates who have received Multiple Nobel Prizes:
- Marie Curie received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Physics (1903) and Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1911).
- The International Committee of the Red Cross received the prize three times. Nobel Peace Prize (1917, 1944, 1963).
- Linus Pauling received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1954) and Nobel Peace Prize (1962).
- John Bardeen received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Physics (1956, 1972).
- Frederick Sanger received the prize twice. Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1958, 1980).
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; received the prize twice. Nobel Peace Prize (1954, 1981).

List of Nobel Prize winners from India -

- Rabindranath Tagore (1913) Literature
- CV Raman (1930) Physics
- Har Gobind Khurana (1968) Medicine
- Mother Teresa (1979) Peace
- Subhramanyan Chandrashekhar (1983) Physics
- Amartya Sen (1998) Economics
- Venkatraman Ramakrishnan (2009) Chemistry.
- Kailash Satyarthi (2014) Peace
- Abhijit Banerjee (2019) Economics

7. U.S. maths prize for Nikhil Srivastava (Dec. 5, 2021)

- Eminent Indian-American mathematician Nikhil Srivastava has been jointly selected for the inaugural \$5,000 Ciprian Foias Prize awarded by the American Mathematical Society (AMS) for "highly original work" in Operator Theory.
- Along with Professor Srivastava, who teaches at the University of California, Berkeley, the two other awardees are Adam Marcus and Daniel Spielman.
- Mr. Marcus holds the Chair of Combinatorial Analysis at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Switzerland. Mr. Spielman is Sterling Professor of Computer Science at Yale University.

8. Assam's highest civilian award for Ratan Tata (Dec. 5, 2021)

- On the occasion of Asom Divas or Assam Day, the state Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced to confer the most prestigious 'Asom Baibhav' award to the industrialist Ratan Tata.
- Asom Baibhav award is the biggest award of the state.
- Asom Divas or Assam Day is celebrated on 2 December to commemorate the rule of Chalong Sukapha.

9. Ballon d'Or football award 2021 (Dec. 1, 2021)

The award is given by France Football for the best footballer in the world. Football journalists around the world vote to select the winner of the Ballon d'Or award.

Ballon d'Or Men: **Lionel Messi of Argentina.** He won the trophy for the record seventh time. He currently plays for French club Paris St. Germain.

Ballon d'Or Feminin (women): **Alexia Putellas of Spain.** She plays for Spanish club Barcelona.

Yashin Trophy: It is given to the best goalkeeper.

This year it was given to **Gianluigi Donnarumma of Italy.**

Kopa Trophy for the best Under-21 player.

Pedri of Spain: He plays for Barcelona club of Spain.