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### **1. Indian-American physician honoured with young urologist of the year award ( April 6, 2023 )**

**Dr. Nitya Abraham**, an **Indian-American physician and professor**, has been honored with the **Young Urologist of the Year Award** by the American Urological Association (AUA).

#### **An overview of the news**

- She is an Associate Professor at **Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Program Director for the Montefiore Urology** residency programme.
- Abraham has been chosen from the **New York region** for her accomplishments and contributions.
- Abraham has done remarkable work for countless students, residents, fellows and junior faculty in the New York area and at his institution.
- She is serving as the **Chair of the Executive Curriculum Committee for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine**.
- She is a member of the **Society for Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine, and Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) Young Urologists Committee and Social Media Committee**.
- The award committee described her as a prolific researcher with clinical research on the impact of social determinants of **pelvic floor health**.

#### **Young Urologist of the Year Award**

- The **American Urological Association** recognizes the hard work of young urologists across the country.
- The award was established by **Dr. Michael C. Ost, 2012-2013 AUA Young Urologist Committee (YUC) Chair**.
- The **Young Urologist of the Year Award is presented annually** to early-career members of the AUA for their progress in their field and commitment to furthering their efforts.

### **2. Sprinter Lashinda Demus was awarded the Olympic gold medal after a decade ( April 1, 2023 )**

More than a decade after the **2012 London Games**, **Lashinda Demus**, a sprinter from the **United States**, was awarded an **Olympic gold medal at the age of 40**, **Czechia's Zuzana Hejnova a silver and Jamaica's Kalisz Spencer a bronze. Medal awarded.**

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The **International Olympic Committee** stripped **Natalya Antyukh**, the original **gold medalist in the 400 metres hurdles**, of her title due to her involvement in the Russian doping scandal.
- **Antyukh beat Demus** by just 0.07 seconds at the London track.
- Historical evidence recovered from the Moscow testing laboratory database allowed the Athletics Integrity Unit to disqualify Antyukh's results from July 2012 to June 2013.

### **About London Olympics 2012**

- Held in **London, UK** from 27 July to 12 August 2012.
- Over 10,000 athletes from **204 National Olympic Committees (NOCs)** participated and competed in 26 sports.
- The **United States topped the medal table with 104 medals, including 46 gold.**
- China finished second with **88 medals, including 38 gold.**
- Great Britain finished third with **65 medals, including 29 gold.**

### **3. Assam's Tapoban NGO honoured with Children's Champion Award ( March 29, 2023 )**

Assam's Tapoban NGO honoured with Children's Champion Award

The **Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights** conferred the **Assam-based Tapoban NGO** with the **Children's Champion Award 2023** and the award was presented in the **Health and Nutrition category.**

### **An Overview of the News**

- **Kumud Kalita, founder-president of Tapoban** and a political **science teacher at a junior college of the school**, received the award from **Justice S Muralidhar, Chief Justice of Odisha High Court** in New Delhi.
- This NGO focuses on **supporting children with special needs and autism.**
- The **Children's Champion Award** recognizes individuals and organisations for their significant contribution to the welfare of children in areas such as education, justice, health, nutrition, sports and creative arts.
- Tapoban has been recognized in the **Health and Nutrition category** for its remarkable contribution to the welfare of children with special needs and children with autism.

### **About Tapoban**

- Tapoban Pathshala, **established in 2005**, is an NGO based in **Assam.**

- It runs a care home for **18 differently-abled and orphaned children** and has helped over **700 children** so far.
- **Chief Minister's Best Community Work Award in 2011** and Mr. Kalita receiving the **State Teacher Award in 2021**.

#### **4. Naveen Jindal conferred with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by University of Texas ( March 29, 2023 )**

Naveen Jindal conferred with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by University of Texas

Jindal Steel & Power Chairman Naveen Jindal conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of Texas (Dallas) and the award ceremony was held on March 25, 2023.

An Overview of the News

- Jindal, an alumnus of UT Dallas 1992 batch, received the award for his outstanding achievements in industry, politics and academia.
- Jindal is the second person after Nobel laureate Aziz Sansar to receive this prestigious award from the University of Texas, Dallas.
- As a student at UT Dallas, Jindal served as both vice president and president of the student government and was honoured with the Student Leader of the Year award and also received the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010.
- In 2011, to celebrate Jindal's massive success, UT Dallas renamed its School of Management the Naveen Jindal School of Management.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the University of Texas (Dallas) to individuals who have made significant contributions in a variety of fields over a distinguished career of at least 25 years.
- Past laureates include Mary McDermott Cook, Ralph Hawkins, and Robert S. Kaplan.

About The University of Texas Dallas (UT Dallas)

- It is a public research university located in Richardson, Texas, United States and was established in 1969.
- It is part of the University of Texas System and offers more than 140 academic programs across its eight schools, including programs in engineering, natural sciences, social sciences, management, and the arts and humanities.

#### **5. Kashmir's Aliya Mir honoured with Wildlife Conservation Award 2023 ( March 28, 2023 )**

Wildlife conservationist **Aliya Mir** was awarded **Wildlife Conservation Award by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha**.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The award makes her the **first woman from the Union Territory** to receive it in recognition of her conservation efforts in the area.
- Alia Mir is also the first woman in Kashmir to work for **Wildlife SOS**, a part of the **Wildlife Rescue Team**.
- The award was presented to her by **Lt Manoj Sinha** at the World Forestry Day function organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Collective Forest.
- Alia Mir's **Wildlife Rescue Helpline, which she started in 2021**, works closely with the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife Protection Department to rescue snakes and other wild animals.

### **About Wildlife SOS**

- It is a **non-profit organisation** based in India.
- The organisation aims at **rescuing and rehabilitating endangered wildlife** as well as preserving India's natural heritage.
- It is one of the **largest wildlife organisations in South Asia**.

Founder - **Karthik Satyanarayana, Geeta Seshamani**

Established - **1995, New Delhi**

Headquarters - **India**

### **About Jammu and Kashmir**

- Jammu and Kashmir was a state of India until **August 2019**, which was bifurcated to form two union territories namely Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on **31 August 2019**.

Capital- **Srinagar (May-October), Jammu (November-April)**

Lieutenant Governor - **Manoj Sinha**

Legislative Council - **36 seats**

Legislative Assembly - **89 seats**

## **6. MT Vasudevan Nair honoured with Kerala's highest civilian honour ( March 28, 2023 )**

**M T Vasudevan Nair** was awarded the "**Kerala Jyoti**", the highest civilian honour in Kerala.

### **An Overview of the News**

- **Actor Mammootty**, former civil service officer **T Madhava Menon**, and writer **Omcheri NN Pillai** shared the **second highest award "Kerala Prabha"**.
- The Governor of Kerala, **Arif Mohammad Khan** presented the inaugural edition of the "Kerala Puraskarangal" awards.

### **About Kerala Puraskarangal Award**

- The Kerala Puraskarangal is a civilian award second only to the prestigious **Padma Awards conferred by the Government of India**.
- The award is given to individuals who have made **exceptional contributions in various fields such as literature, art, culture, science, social work and sports**.
- There are three categories of the award: **Kerala Jyothi, Kerala Prabha and Kerala Shree, with Kerala Jyothi** being the highest honour.
- **The objective of these awards** is to recognize the contribution of outstanding individuals from Kerala and to inspire others to strive for excellence in their respective fields.

### **About Kerala**

- Kerala, also known as "**God's Own Country**", is a state located in the **South-Western region of India**.
- It is known for its **lush tropical landscape, palm-lined beaches, serene backwaters and rich cultural heritage**.
- It is bounded by the **states of Karnataka to the north and northeast, Tamil Nadu to the east and south, and the Arabian Sea to the west**.

Official language - **Malayalam**

Capital - **Thiruvananthapuram**

### **7. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman honoured with literary award ( March 28, 2023 )**

The **Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL)** honoured Bangabandhu **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** with a special literary award for his trilogy - Unfinished Memoirs, **The Prison Diaries and The New China 1952**.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The award was presented at the ceremony to Bangladeshi writers and researchers **Ramendu Majumdar and Mofidul Haque** by eminent **Punjabi novelist and founder president of FOSWAL Ajit Kaur**.

- The award was given to **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** for his outstanding literary excellence, as he is a towering figure of national emancipation of the oppressed people of the world.
- A citation by the Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature compares him with **Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King**, saying that no power on earth can erase him from history.

### **About SAARC Writers and Literature Foundation (FOSWAL)**

- It was **established in 1987** as a **non-profit organisation** with the objective of promoting **regional cooperation and cultural exchange among SAARC** (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries through literature and the arts.
- Its founding members were writers and poets from SAARC countries including **India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives**.
- Its **main objective** is to promote peace and understanding among the people of the SAARC region through literature, cultural exchange and dialogue.
- It organises various literary and cultural events, such as **poetry readings, book launches and cultural festivals**, to promote the rich cultural diversity of the SAARC countries and to provide a platform for writers and artists to showcase their work.
- It also provides a forum for writers and scholars to exchange ideas and collaborate on literary and cultural projects that promote regional cooperation and understanding.
- It has been recognized for its efforts to promote regional cooperation and cultural exchange and has received **several awards and honours, including the SAARC Literary Prize and the Mother Teresa International Prize for Social Justice**.

### **About Bangladesh**

Capital - **Dhaka**

Currency - **Taka**

President - **Mr. Abdul Hameed**

Prime Minister - **Sheikh Hasina**

### **8. Luis A. Caffarelli awarded the 2023 Abel Prize ( March 25, 2023 )**

Luis A. Caffarelli awarded the 2023 Abel Prize

**Luis Caffarelli** of **Argentina** has been awarded the **2023 Abel Prize**.

### **An overview of the news**

- The 74-year-old **Caffarelli** has been awarded the prize for **his contributions to the field of nonlinear partial equations and free-boundary problems in mathematics**.

- Caffarelli was **born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina**, making him the **first Abel Prize laureate from South America**.
- Currently, he is a professor at the **University of Texas, Austin**.

### **About Abel Prize**

- First awarded in 2003**, the **Abel prize “recognises pioneering scientific achievements in mathematics”**.
- It is named after **Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel (1802-29)**, who in his short life made pioneering contributions in a multitude of fields.
- It is often considered to be an **equivalent of the Nobel prize**.
- The award carries a **monetary prize of 7.5 million kronor (about \$720,000)** and a **glass plaque designed by Norwegian artist Henrik Haugen**.
- The prize is awarded by the **Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters** on behalf of the Ministry of Education.

### **9. Nepali wicketkeeper-batsman Asif Sheikh wins 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award ( March 21, 2023 )**

Nepali wicketkeeper-batsman Asif Sheikh wins 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award

**Nepalese wicketkeeper-batsman Asif Sheikh** will be officially presented with the **2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award** by the MCC and the BBC later this year.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The award is presented annually by the **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), UK in association with the BBC**.
- The award was **created in 2013 by the MCC and the BBC** in memory of former MCC President and BBC Test Match Special Commentator **Christopher Martin-Jenkins (CMJ)**, who was passionate about promoting the spirit of the game.
- Sheikh was awarded for his sportsmanship shown in the **men's T20 International between Nepal and Ireland in February 2022**.
- It is the first time in the award's history that the MCC and the BBC have invited public nominations for the award.
- Sheikh's conduct was declared the winning entry.
- Sheikh was also honoured with the **ICC Spirit of Cricket Award in January 2022** for his works.

### **About Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**

Establishment - **1787**

Founder - **Thomas Lord**

### **About International Cricket Council (ICC)**

Establishment - **15 June 1909**

Chairman - **Greg Barclay**

CEO - **Geoff Allardyce**

Headquarters - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

### **10. Bombay Jayashri chosen for Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2023 by Music Academy ( March 21, 2023 )**

Carnatic vocalist and Padma Shri awardee Bombay Jayashri

Renowned **Carnatic vocalist and Padma Shri awardee Bombay Jayashri** has been selected for the **Sangita Kalanidhi award for 2023** by the **Music Academy**.

#### **An overview of the news**

- Jayashree is one of the **foremost Carnatic musicians** of today, trained initially by his parents and later by **TR Balamani and violinist Lalgudi G. Jayaraman**.
- Apart from Carnatic music, Jayashree is also trained in **Veena, classical dance and Hindustani music**.
- She is known for her melodious and meditative style of singing.
- The **Nritya Kalanidhi Award** for dance has been given to **Vasanthaxmi Narasimhachari**. She has specialized in Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi.

#### **Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award**

- It is considered the **highest honor in the field of Carnatic music**.
- It came into existence in **1942**.
- **In 1942**, it was decided that the composer would be honored with the **title of Sangeet Kalanidhi**, the award consisting of a gold medal and a Birudu Patra (citation).