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### **1. Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023 won by Utsa Patnaik ( April 18, 2023 )**

Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023 won by Utsa Patnaik

On 17th April 2023 **economist Utsa Patnaik** was selected for the **2023 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award**.

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

- The award is given every year by the **Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshia Trust**.
- The prestigious National Award is conferred on nominations received by **outstanding social scientists** selected by a national level jury specially constituted for the purpose.
- The jury unanimously selected **Professor Patnaik as the recipient of the award this year**.
- The previous winner of the prize was **Indian economist Prabhat Patnaik**, who won it in 2022.

#### **March 2023 Awards**

- Ales Bialiatsky - **Nobel Peace Prize**
- Ashley Gardner - **ICC Women's Player of the Month**
- Harry Brook - **ICC Men's Player of the Month**
- Shiv Shankar - **Saraswati Samman 2022**
- Sashidhar Jagdishan - **Business Standard Banker of the Year 2022**
- Mirabai Chanu - **BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year for 2022**
- Dr. L. Murugan - **National Photography Award**
- Gyan Chaturvedi - **32nd Vyas Samman**

### **2. Nandini Gupta crowned Femina Miss India 2023 ( April 17, 2023 )**

Nandini Gupta crowned Femina Miss India 2023

**Nandini Gupta of Rajasthan** won the title of **Femina Miss India World 2023**.

The first runner-up of the competition was **Shreya Poonja** from **Delhi** and the **second runner-up was Thounaojam Strela Luwang from Manipur**.

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

- The **59th edition of India's most prestigious pageant marked the Grand Finale of Femina Miss India World 2023** in a historic ceremony at the **Indoor Stadium, Khuman Lampak, Imphal, Manipur.**
- Bollywood actors **Kartik Aaryan** and **Ananya Panday** gave a stellar performance at the Femina Miss India 2023 event.
- **Nandini Gupta will represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant**, which is going to be held in the **United Arab Emirates.**

### **About Femina Miss India**

- It is a **national beauty pageant** held annually in India **since 1952** and is organized by **Femina**, a women's magazine published by **Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd.**
- **The winner represents India in the Miss World pageant.**

### **About Rajasthan**

- It is a state in **northern India** and is the **largest Indian state by area and the seventh largest by population.**
- It is bordered by five other Indian states: **Punjab to the north; Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the northeast; Madhya Pradesh in the southeast; and Gujarat in the southwest.**
- Rajasthan is also home to three national tiger reserves, **Ranthambore National Park in Sawai Madhopur, Sariska Tiger Reserve in Alwar and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve in Kota.**
- The state was formed on **30 March 1949** when Rajputana was merged with the Dominion of India.

Formation - **30 March 1949**

Capital- **Jaipur**

District - **33**

Governor - **Kalraj Mishra**

Chief Minister - **Ashok Gehlot (INC)**

State Legislature - **Unicameral**

Legislative Assembly - **Rajasthan Legislative Assembly (200 seats)**

Rajya Sabha - **10 seats**

Lok Sabha - **25 seats**

**Symbol of Rajasthan**

Bird - **Godawan**

Flowers - **Rohida**

Tree - **Khejri**

### **3. Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari has been awarded the "Maharashtra Bhushan" for the year 2022 ( April 16, 2023 )**

Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** presented the "**Maharashtra Bhushan**" award for the year 2022 to **Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari** at Raigarh, Maharashtra on 16th April.

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

- On this occasion, Chief Minister of Maharashtra **Eknath Shinde** and Deputy Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** were present.

#### **About Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari**

- Appasaheb Dharmadhikari is a famous **social reformer**. His father **Nanasaheb was Dharmadhikari**.
- **Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Pratishthan** undertakes many social welfare activities like health camps, blood donation camps, de-addiction, cleaning of area, tree plantation, environment protection, distribution of educational material.
- His work continues unabated. In view of his work, Appasaheb was also **honored with Padma Shri**.
- Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari established the Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Foundation, **Revdanda** to expand the scope of social work.
- Social activities started being conducted through the institution. As these activities started being implemented with public participation, their scope increased.
- The work of tree plantation was done by the Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Foundation keeping in view the **effect of climate change and temperature**.
- A total of **36,61,611 trees have been planted by the Foundation from 2015 to 2021**.

#### **Awards given to Dharmadhikari**

- Keeping this social work of Appasaheb in mind, **DY Patil University awarded Dharmadhikari with an honorary doctorate**.
- Former Governor Vidyasagar Rao appointed him as the **cleanliness ambassador of the state**.
- In 2017, the Central Government conferred the civilian honor of **Padma Shri**.
- The **European International Institute** honored Appasaheb with the **Living Legend Award**.

- Looking at his career so far, the state government has selected him for the
- **Maharashtra Bhushan Award.**

#### **4. Kumar Mangalam Birla honoured with 'Business Leader of the Decade' ( April 14, 2023 )**

Kumar Mangalam Birla honoured with 'Business Leader of the Decade'

**Aditya Birla Group** Chairman **Kumar Mangalam Birla** was honoured with the '**Business Leader of the Decade Award**' at the **13th Management India Awards** ceremony organised by the **All India Management Association (AIMA)**.

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

- The award was presented to him in recognition of his contribution to Indian industry, especially in strengthening the operations of the **Aditya Birla Group, and his leadership over the last ten years.**
- **Tata's T Viren** was also presented with the **Workman- J Worker Partnership Award at the ceremony and ABB India won the 'MNC in India of the Year' award.**
- **Rahul Kanwal, News Director of India Today and Aaj Tak and Executive Director of Business Today,** received the '**Outstanding Contribution to Media' award** at the same event.
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI),** which operates the retail payment and settlement system in India, was awarded the 'Outstanding PSU of the Year' award.

#### **About AIMA**

- It is a **non-profit organisation** that focuses on improving management skills and practices in India.
- The organisation provides a **platform for networking, knowledge sharing and career development for professionals in the field of management.**
- AIMA conducts **research, training and consultancy services to enhance the quality of management education and practices in the country.**
- The organisation was **established in 1957** and since then **it has become one of the leading management associations in India.**
- AIMA's initiatives include **conducting management events, publishing a management journal and offering certification programs for management professionals.**
- AIMA collaborates with various **national and international organisations to exchange ideas and promote best practices in the field of management.**

#### **5. CR Rao wins International Prize in Statistics 2023 ( April 10, 2023 )**

CR Rao wins International Prize in Statistics 2023

**Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao**, an Indian-American statistician won the **2023 International Prize in Statistics**.

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

- Rao will be honoured with the award at the **International Statistical Institute's World Statistics Congress in Ottawa, Canada** in July.
- The prize will be awarded for Rao's groundbreaking paper, '**The Information and Accuracy Obtained in the Estimation of Statistical Parameters**', published in 1945 in the Bulletin of the **Calcutta Mathematical Society**.
- The paper was later included in the book Breakthroughs in Statistics, 1890–1990.
- The International Prize in Statistics is considered equivalent to the Nobel Prize in Statistics.
- The award recognizes individuals or teams who have made significant contributions to science, technology, and human welfare through the use of statistics.
- Five major international statistical organisations cooperate to award the prize.
- The award carries an **\$80,000** cash prize and is presented once every two years.

### **About CR Rao**

- He is a renowned statistician and **Emeritus Eberly Professor** in the **Department of Statistics, Pennsylvania State University**.
- He was born in **Karnataka** in 1920 and has been associated with the **Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata** since 1941.
- Rao has been honoured with several awards throughout his career, including the **Padma Bhushan** in 1968 and the **Padma Vibhushan** in 2001.
- He was also the recipient of the **SS Bhatnagar Prize** in 1963 and was elected a **Fellow of the Royal Society** in 1967.

Rao received the **Wilkes Medal of the American Statistical Association** in 1979 and the **US National Medal of Science** in 2002.

### **6. Ukraine's President awarded Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest honour ( April 7, 2023 )**

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**Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was awarded** the Order of the **White Eagle, Poland's highest award**.

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

- The award was given to him for his **exceptional services to protect security, resilience and human rights**.
- The Order of the **White Eagle is a prestigious and highly regarded decoration of the Republic of Poland**, awarded for outstanding civil and military contributions to the country.
- It is considered the oldest and **highest decoration in Poland**, whose history dates back to the 14th century.

- In recent years, the award has been awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to Polish-Ukrainian relations and to the promotion of democracy and human rights in the region.

### **About Ukraine**

- It is located in **Eastern Europe, bordered by Russia to the east and northeast, and is the second largest country in Europe, covering approximately 600,000 square kilometres.**
- Ukrainian culture has influences from **Slavic, Byzantine and European traditions.**

Capital - **Kyiv**

Official language - **Ukrainian**

### **About Poland**

- A country located in **Central Europe, bordered by Germany to the west, the Czech Republic and Slovakia to the south, Ukraine and Belarus to the east, and the Baltic Sea, Lithuania and Russia to the north.**
- The country is divided into **16 administrative regions**, known as provinces, each with its own government and parliament.
- Poland has a **total area of 312,696 km<sup>2</sup>**, making it the **ninth largest country in Europe and the fifth most populous member state** of the European Union.
- Poland is also a member of **several international organisations including the United Nations, NATO, and the World Trade Organization.**

Capital - **Warsaw**

Official language - **Polish**

## **7. 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.

### **8. 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.**

### **9. 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.**

### **10. 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.