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### **1. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das wins 'Governor of the Year' award at Central Banking Awards 2023 ( March 17, 2023 )**

international publication Central Banking.

**Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das** has been honoured with the '**Governor of the Year 2023 Award**' by the **international publication Central Banking**.

#### **An Overview of The News**

- Mr Das has been heading the central bank since December 2018.
- He has been awarded for **successfully navigating the financial markets** through various crises, including the pandemic and inflation caused by the war in Ukraine.

#### **About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the central bank of India and was **established on April 1, 1935**.
- It is responsible for regulating **India's monetary policy and managing the country's currency and foreign exchange reserves**.
- RBI also acts as the banker to the Government of India, commercial banks and other financial institutions.
- RBI is **headquartered in Mumbai** and operates through various regional offices across India.

### **2. President Draupadi Murmu awarded the President's Color to INS Dronacharya ( March 17, 2023 )**

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On March 16, 2023, President **Draupadi Murmu** presented the "**President's Colour**" to **INS Dronacharya at Kochi**.

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

- He also visited India's first indigenously built aircraft **carrier INS Vikrant** at the Cochin Shipyard.
- President Murmu praised the aircraft carrier as a shining example of **Atmanirbhar Bharat** and said that India is among the very few countries that have the capability to build an aircraft carrier with indigenous technology.

#### **About President's Color Award**

- The **President's Color** is the most prestigious decoration awarded by the President to a unit for outstanding service to the nation.
- The **highest military honour is an award** given to military units **for exceptional dedication and bravery in service**.
- Eligibility requires a **minimum of 25 years of service** and outstanding contribution to the military community.
- It was instituted on **May 27, 1951** and is considered one of the most prestigious military awards.
- The award recognizes the collective efforts and sacrifices of a unit in defending their country, maintaining peace and order and upholding military values.

### **About INS Dronacharya**

- INS Dronacharya is responsible for training the **Sagar Prahari Bal** and is also the Navy's primary centre for training various nations in the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.
- INS Dronacharya is a training establishment of the Indian Navy located in **Kochi, Kerala**.
- It was **commissioned in 1989** and provides training to naval personnel in various technical fields.
- It also conducts research and development activities in the field of marine technology and provides consultancy services to the Indian Navy and other organisations.
- **INS Dronacharya has played an important role in the training of the submarine arm** of the Indian Navy and is named after Dronacharya, the renowned warrior and teacher.

### **3. Oscars 2023: RRR's 'Naatu Naatu' wins Best Original Song award ( March 13, 2023 )**

The song '**Naatu Naatu**' from the Indian film **RRR** has **won the Oscar in the Best Original Song category** at the **95th Oscar Awards**.

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

- **RRR is the first Indian film** to be nominated for **Academy Awards** in the last two decades, while '**Naatu Naatu**' was the first Indian song to be nominated for an Oscar.
- The song beat out other nominees in the category including Applause (Tell It Like a Woman), Hold My Hand (Top Gun Maverick), Lift Me Up (Black Pather Wakanda Forever) and This Is a Life (Everything Everywhere All At).
- Music director **MM Keeravani** received the award.

- This Telugu song is sung by **Kaal Bhairav & Rahul Sipligunj**. 'Naatu-naatu' means
- **'to dance'**.
  - The song is picturized on actors **Ram Charan and Jr NTR**, in which their peppy dance moves have also been appreciated.
  - It is noteworthy that the song '**Jai Ho**' from the UK film '**Slumdog Millionaire**' directed by **Danny Boyle** is the **first Hindi song** to win an Academy Award in the Best Original Score and Original Song categories.
  - Its music was composed by **AR Rahman** and its lyrics were written by **Gulzar**.
  - **Rajamouli's RRR received several American awards**, made it to the BAFTA 2023 in the Film Not in the English Language category, won the Golden Globe in the Best Original Song category, and also won the Best Song award at the 28th edition of the Critics' Choice Awards.

### **Oscar in the Best Documentary Short Film category**

- Another Indian entry at the Academy Awards, '**The Elephant Whispers**' won the Oscar in the Best Documentary Short Film category.
- This 41-minute short documentary film by filmmakers **Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga** explores the bond between Raghu, an orphaned baby elephant, and his caretakers.

### **4. Ukrainian Rights Group Truth Hounds wins Norwegian prize ( March 11, 2023 )**

**Ukrainian rights group Truth Hounds**, which **documents war crimes in the Ukraine conflict**, was on 9 March awarded **Norway's Sakharov Freedom Award**.

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

- The Sakharov Freedom Award was **established in 1980** with the support of Soviet scientist and **Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov**.
- The prize has been awarded to the **Norwegian Helsinki Committee human rights organization Truth Hounds** for "**documenting war crimes and possible crimes against humanity**."
- Truth Hounds is a **Ukrainian rights group** founded during the **Maidan Revolution** that led to the fall of pro-Russian former Ukrainian President **Viktor Yanukovich**.
- The award is regularly awarded to human rights defenders from the **former Soviet Union**.

### **5. British Architect David Chipperfield Wins 2023 Pritzker Prize ( March 11, 2023 )**

**British architect Sir David Chipperfield** has won the **2023 Pritzker Architecture Prize**.

**An overview of the news**

- He is a **civic architect and urban planner** with an extensive work plan of projects built across **3 continents**.
- David Chipperfield is the **52nd winner of the award**, established in 1979.
- **Francis Kéré (Germany)** was awarded the prize in 2022, and **Anne Lacton (France)** and **Jean-Philippe Vasal (France)** in 2021.
- The **45th Pritzker Prize ceremony** honoring David Chipperfield will be held in **Athens, Greece in May 2023**.

**About Pritzker Architecture Prize**

- It is the **highest international honor for architects**.
- The prize was designed to honor architects for the work they built.
- The prize was established in **1979 by J. A. Pritzker** is funded by the Pritzker family and sponsored by the Hyatt Foundation.

**6. President of India confers Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023 ( March 6, 2023 )**

“Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023”,

The “**Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023**”, organized by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** to honour the **women champions of rural water and sanitation sector**, was graced by the President **Droupadi Murmu**.

**An overview of the news**

- The President launched the **Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch the Rain 2023 campaign** in New Delhi.

**About Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman**

- The Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman is to highlight and **acknowledge the leadership and contribution of women** at the grassroots level in the journey of creating a 'Swachh Sujal Bharat'.
- Women who have made significant contributions in **ODF Plus Model Villages, Har Ghar Jal Villages, Water Conservation etc.** under the National Flagship Mission were felicitated.
- This year's event was organized by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti to honor women champions of the rural water and sanitation sector.

**About Catch the Rain campaign**

- It is a **mass movement campaign** that encourages all stakeholders to build **Rain Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS)**.
- Tag Line: **Catch the rain where it falls, when it falls.**
- The campaign is implemented by the **National Water Mission (NWM)** under Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The campaign is run across the country in both **rural and urban areas**.

## **7. Writer Vinod Kumar Shukla wins 2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award ( March 6, 2023 )**

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**Chhattisgarh's senior writer** and eminent Hindi litterateur **Vinod Kumar Shukla** was awarded the prestigious **PEN/Nabokov Award for 2023** for achievement in international literature at a function organized by **PEN America in New York**.

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

- Shukla, a **Hindi story writer, novelist and poet**, is the first Indian-Asian origin writer to be conferred with this highest honour.
- He was born in 1937 in Rajnandgaon, Madhya Pradesh, presently Chhattisgarh.
- In this award, he was given an amount of **50 thousand dollars** (about 41 lakh rupees).
- Vinod Kumar Shukla's major novels include 'Naukar ki Kameez', 'Khilega to Dekhenge', 'deewar me aek khidki rahti thil', 'haree ghaas kee chhappar vaalee jhopadee aur bauna pahaad', 'yaasi raasa ta, ek maun sthaan'.

### **PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award**

- This honor is given to those litterateurs who make a mark in international literature, who look at traditions, modernity, present and history with a new perspective in their works.
- The award is presented biennially by **PEN America** to writers, primarily novelists.
- The award is funded by the **Vladimir Nabokov** Foundation, established by the American opera singer and translator Dmitri Nabokov.

## **8. Health Ministry gets Porter Prize 2023 for Government's strategy in managing COVID-19 ( March 3, 2023 )**

The **Union Health Ministry** has been awarded the **Porter Prize 2023** for successfully combating the **COVID-19 crisis**.

**An overview of the news**

- The award recognized the **Government of India's strategy, approach** and involvement of various stakeholders in the management of COVID-19, especially ASHA workers in the industry for making PPE kits.
- The prize was announced at “**The India Dialog**”, organized by **Institute for Competitiveness (IFC) and US Asia Technology Management Center (USATMC)** at **Stanford University on February 23-24**.
- **The award was presented to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** by Union Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** and Secretary of the Ministry, **Rajesh Bhushan**.
- The theme of the two-day conference was “**The Indian Economy 2023: Innovation, Competitiveness and Social Progress**”.
- Experts appreciated the three pillars of India's strategy for COVID-19 management - prevention, relief package and vaccine administration.

**About Porter Prize**

- The award is named after **American citizen Michael E Porter** - economist, researcher, author, consultant, speaker and teacher.
- He conceptualized **economic theory and strategy** to address challenging problems in the areas of market competition and company strategy, economic development, the environment and healthcare.
- His research has received many awards and he is currently one of the most cited scholars in economics and business.

**9. India receives GSMA Government Leadership Awards 2023 ( March 1, 2023 )**

**India** was declared the winner at a ceremony organised by the **Mobile World Congress** on February 27, 2023, in **Barcelona**.

**An Overview of the news:**

- **Global System for Mobile Communications- The Global System for Mobile Association (GSMA)** has presented the **Government Leadership Award 2023** to India for implementing best practices in telecom policy and regulation.
- According to the Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railways, **Ashwini Vaishnav**, more than 85 per cent mobile tower clearances are now instantaneous.
- With nearly 1 lakh locations in 387 districts, India's **5G roll-out is one of the fastest in the world**.
- The **Global Mobile Communications Systems Association (GSMA)**, which represents over 750 mobile operators and 400 companies in the telecom ecosystem, recognizes one country every year.

- Following India's '**Digital India**' vision, the government came out with structural and procedural reforms in September 2021.
- Along with this several initiatives were taken like license reforms, creation of **PM Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal, streamlining of Right of Way (ROW), spectrum reforms, satellite reforms** etc.

## **10. RRR to be honoured at the HCA Film Awards 2023 ( Feb. 27, 2023 )**

RRR has bagged three big awards at the **Hollywood Critics Association (HCA) Film Awards 2023**.

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

- Directed by **SS Rajamouli**, the film has been given the **HCA Film Award for Best Action Film, Best Stunts, Best International Film and Best Song for the song Natu Natu**.
- **Ram Charan** also presented the award at the Hollywood Critics Association Awards 2023. He was the only Indian actor in the list of presenters.
- The film RRR received nominations in the Best Director, Best Action Film, Best Stunts, Best Song, Best Editing, Best International Film category at the HCA Film Awards.
- RRR's film song 'Natu Natu' made a record by winning the **Grammy Award**.

### **Other Awards at the Award Ceremony:**

- Hollywood film '**Everything Everywhere All at Once**' received the most nominations at the HCA Film Awards 2023. This film got nominations in 16 categories.
- It won the award for Best Editing. Also, the film's actor **Ke Huy Quan** won the Best Supporting Actor Award.
- Best Visual Effects for the film Avatar: Way of Water
- Tom Cruise's Top Gun Maverick won Best Sound, director Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio won Best Animated Film, Netflix's Glass Onion won Best Comedy and The Black Phone won Best Horror Film.