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1. 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.
- Aliya 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.
- Aliya 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**

2. 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**

3. 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**

4. 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 kroner (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.

5. 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**

6. 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).

7. Tamil writer Sivashankari honoured with Saraswathi Samman for acclaimed work "Surya Vamsam" (March 18, 2023)

The award is for his book "Surya Vamsam", a memoir published in Tamil in 2019.

Noted **Tamil writer Sivasankari** has been conferred with the prestigious **Saraswati Samman for the year 2022.**

The award is for his book "**Surya Vamsam**", a memoir published in Tamil in 2019.

An Overview of the News

- Sivasankari is a prolific writer who has made significant contributions to **Tamil literature**, and the award is a recognition of his talent and dedication.
- Sivasankari's recognition with the Saraswati Samman will help bring greater visibility to Tamil literature and inspire new generations of writers in the language.

About Saraswati Samman

- It is given annually to an **outstanding literary work written in any Indian language** and published during the last 10 years.
- The award carries a **cash prize of Rs. 15 lakh**, a citation and a plaque.
- The award has been received by some of India's most prominent writers, including **Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Mahasweta Devi, M.T. Vasudevan Nair, and S.L. Bhairappa.**
- The Saraswati Samman has played an important role in promoting Indian literature and recognizing the contribution of Indian authors to the global literary scene.

8. 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.

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

President Draupadi Murmu presented the "President's Colour" to INS Dronacharya at Kochi.

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.

10. 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.