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### 1. NTPC bags 'ATD Best Awards 2023' for 6th consecutive year ( Feb. 8, 2023 )

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Country's largest power generation company **NTPC Limited** has been conferred with '**ATD Best Awards 2023**' by **Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA**.

#### An overview of the news

- NTPC Limited has won this award for the **sixth time** for showcasing enterprise success in the area of **talent development**.
- The foundation of NTPC's culture has always been employee involvement through creative techniques.
- This award is a testimony to the **contemporary HR practices** of NTPC.

#### About the awards

- The ATD Best Awards recognize organisations that demonstrate talent development across the enterprise.
- NTPC has been successful in creating an ecosystem, which empowers the employees to enhance their skills.
- The award includes small and large private, public and non-profit organizations from around the world.
- Association for Talent Development, USA is the **world's largest association in the field of talent development** and ATD's Best of Award is considered the most prestigious award in learning and development.

#### About NTPC

- The NTPC which was earlier known as **National Thermal Power Corporation** of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in **1975**.
- The **Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli** district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of **4,760MW**, is currently the **biggest thermal power plant in India**.
- It is a coal-based power plant owned and operated by NTPC.
- The total installed commercial capacity of the company was **69454 MW** before the JPL deal.
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- Chairman and Managing Director: **Gurdeep Singh**

## **2. Dr Peggy Mohan wins 'Mathrubhumi Book of the Year' award ( Feb. 7, 2023 )**

**Author Dr Peggy Mohan has won the 'Mathrubhumi Book of the Year' award** during the 4th edition of Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters (MBIFL 2023).

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

- He has been given this **award for his book 'Wanderers, Kings and Merchants'**, which portrays the development of language as a result of migration.
- In this award, he was given a statuette and two lakh rupees as a cash prize.
- The award was presented to Dr Peggy Mohan by Nobel Laureate Abdulrazak Gurnah at the closing ceremony of MBIFL 2023.

### **Dr Peggy Mohan:**

- She is a Trinidadian-born writer and a linguist.
- He holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Michigan, USA.
- He worked as Professor of Language Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia University, New Delhi.

### **Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters (MBIFL):**

- Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters was started in the year 2018.
- MBIFL 2023 was inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
- This was the 4th edition of MBIFL with the theme "Shadows of History, Light of the Future".

## **3. Grammy Awards 2023 ( Feb. 6, 2023 )**

Grammy Awards 2023

The most prestigious **65th Grammy Awards** in the music world have been **organized on 5 February 2023 in Los Angeles.**

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

- The 65th Grammy Awards were **hosted by Trevor Noah.**

### **India's Ricky Cage wins his third Grammy Award**

- India's music composer **Ricky Kej along with rock legend Stewart Copeland has won the Grammy Award for Best Immersive Audio Album for the album Divine Tides.**
- Cage has become the only Indian to win three Grammy Awards.

- Ricky Cage won this award for the first time in the year 2015 for 'Winds of Samsara'.
- At the 64th Grammy Awards 2022, he won his second Grammy Award in the category 'Best New Age Album'.

**Beyoncé became the most Grammy winning celebrity**

- American pop star Beyoncé won 2 Grammys at the 65th Grammy Awards.
- Beyoncé has become the **only celebrity in the world to win the most Grammy Awards (32)** in her career.
- At the same time, the record of winning the most Grammy Awards in a single night is in the name of Late King of Pop Michael Jackson.

**Grammy Award Winners 2023**

| Category                              | Winner                 | Album                         |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Album of the Year</b>              | Harry Styles           | Harry's House                 |
| <b>Song Of The Year</b>               | Bonnie Raitt           | Just Like That                |
| <b>Best Musica Urbana Album</b>       | Bad Bunny              | Un Verano Sin Te              |
| <b>Best pop solo performance</b>      | Adele                  | Easy On Me                    |
| <b>Best Pop Duo/Group Performance</b> | Sam Smith / Kim Petras | Unholy                        |
| <b>Best dance/electronic album</b>    | Beyoncé                | Renaissance                   |
| <b>Best Rap Album</b>                 | Kendrick Lamar         | Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers |
| <b>Best Country Album</b>             | Willie Nelson          | A Beautiful Time              |
| <b>Record of the Year</b>             | Lizzo                  | About Damn Time               |

**4. Former PM Manmohan Singh conferred Lifetime Achievement Honour in UK ( Feb. 2, 2023 )**

Former prime minister of India **Dr Manmohan Singh** was conferred a **Lifetime Achievement Honour** by the **India-UK Achievers Honours** in **London** for his contribution to economic and political life.

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

- The award will be handed over to Dr Singh in **New Delhi** by the **National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) UK**.
- The India-UK Achievers Honors is organised by the **National Association of Indian Students and Alumni UK** in partnership with the **British Council in India** and the **UK's Department for International Trade (DIT)**.
- The '**Life Time Achievement Honor**' recognizes Dr Manmohan Singh's contribution to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- **75 people** who have achieved achievements in various fields have been honoured with this honour while some people have been honoured with '**Outstanding Achievers**'.
- **Lord Karan Bilimoria**, a British citizen of Indian origin, was honoured with the '**Living Legend Honor**' at a ceremony held on 25 January.
- Britain's opposition Labor Party MP **Virendra Sharma** was also honoured with the '**Living Legend Honor**'.
- Dr. Manmohan Singh, a 90-year-old economist, served as the Prime Minister of India from **2004-2014**.

## **5. Announcement of best marching contingents and tableau for 74th Republic Day Parade ( Jan. 31, 2023 )**

The best marching contingents and tableaux for the 74th Republic Day Parade have been announced with **Punjab Regiment being awarded the best marching contingent and Uttarakhand for the best tableau**.

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

- Uttarakhand (Manaskhand), Maharashtra (Sade Tin Shaktipeeth and Nari Shakti) and Uttar Pradesh (Ayodhya Deepotsav) have been selected for best three tableaux from States and Union Territories respectively.

### **Tableau of Uttarakhand**

- A tableau based on the theme of wildlife and religious places of the state was displayed by the Uttarakhand government.
- In the forefront of the tableau, the Corbett National Park featured deer, reindeer and a variety of birds.
- Its centre featured the state animal musk deer, the national bird peacock and the ghoral.

- Next, **the tableau of Jageshwar Dham was displayed in Manskhand of Almora district.** There are 125 big, small ancient temples here and deodar trees were shown at the back.

### **Best Marching Squad**

- The **Punjab Regiment** has received the award for the best marching contingent in all the three services.

### **Best marching team**

- The best marching contingent award went to the marching contingent of the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).**

### **Best Tableaux in Ministries and Departments**

- The tableau of the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** (Eklavya Model Residential School, EMRS) was adjudged best among ministries and departments.

### **Special award**

- The special award was given to the 'Biodiversity Conservation and Vande Bharatam' dance group of the Central Public Works Department.

## **6. President of India awarded RPF/RPSF personnel with Jeevan Raksha Padak awards ( Jan. 30, 2023 )**

Hon'ble President of India **Draupadi Murmu** conferred **Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards** to RPF/RPSF personnel in New Delhi.

### **Awardees of Jeevan Raksha Padak awards**

1. Jaipal Singh, Head Constable/ Northern Railway
2. Surendra Kumar, Constable/Northern Railway
3. Bhuda Ram Saini, Constable/7th BN/RPSF

### **Why were the Jeevan Raksha Padak awards given?**

- On **12 May 2022**, in the jurisdiction of **Nizamuddin Railway Station BTPN wagon** caught fire due to technical reasons.
- At that time about **1000 persons were working at the site.**
- An atmosphere of fear was created after seeing the fire taking a dreadful form.
- To save their lives, the workers started running here and there in a fit of desperation.

- Head Constable **Jaipal Singh**, Constable **Surendra Kumar** and Constable **Budha Saini** were on duty.
- Showing great courage, they took the help of a fire extinguisher and **extinguished the fire** in a BTPN wagon full of highly inflammable **material (Naphtha)** with utmost care, without caring for his own life.
- Had the fire not been doused immediately, it would have spread to a total of **18 BTPN wagons** carrying highly inflammable material (Naphtha), causing a major accident, threatening thousands of lives and causing damage to railway property worth billions of rupees.
- Jaipal Singh, Surendra Kumar and Budhram Saini risked their lives to save nearly 1000 lives and railway property worth billions.

### **Jeevan Raksha Padak awards**

- Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards are given to an individual for a **meritorious act in saving the life of a person**.
- The award is given in three categories namely **Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak and Jeevan Raksha Padak**.
- Anyone is eligible for these awards. This award can also be given **posthumously**.

## **7. England's Ben Stokes and Nat Sciver win ICC annual awards ( Jan. 26, 2023 )**

England's Ben Stokes and Nat Sciver win ICC annual awards

England Test captain **Ben Stokes** and all-rounder **Nat Sciver** have won **ICC cricketer of the year 2022** awards.

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

- All-rounder **Stokes** was named the **Men's Test Cricketer of the Year**, while **Sciver** won the **Rachael Hayhoe Flint Trophy for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year**.
- Sciver, 30, is also named Women's **one-day international (ODI) Cricketer of the Year**.
- The 31-year-old Stokes took over the Test captaincy from Joe Root in **April 2022** and has **won nine of his 10 Tests** in charge.
- Stokes previously won the **overall Men's Cricketer of the Year award in 2019**.
- Babar Azam** has been given the **Men's ODI Player of the Year award (Sobers Trophy)**, before Pakistan's **Shaheen Shah Afridi** won the award for 2021.

### **ICC awards winners for 2022**

- **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy:** Babar Azam (Pakistan)
- **Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy:** Nat Sciver (England)
- **Men's Test Cricketer of the Year:** Ben Stokes (England)
- **Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Babar Azam
- **Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Nat Sciver
- **Men's T20 International Cricketer of the Year:** Suryakumar Yadav (India)
- **Women's T20 International Cricketer of the Year:** Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
- **Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:** Marco Jansen (South Africa)
- **Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:** Renuka Singh (India)
- **Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Gerhard Erasmus (Namibia)
- **Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Esha Oza (India)
- **David Shepherd Trophy:** Richard Illingworth (England)
- **Spirit of Cricket Award:** Aasif Sheikh (Nepal)

## **8. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh felicitates 25 winners of Veer Gatha 2.0 ( Jan. 26, 2023 )**

Defense Minister **Rajnath Singh** felicitated **25 winners of Veer Gatha 2.0** at an event in New Delhi on the eve of Republic Day.

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

- Rajnath Singh gave away the winners a cash prize of **Rs 10,000, a medal and a certificate**, in the presence of Minister of Education **Dharmendra Pradhan** and Raksha Rajya Mantri **Ajay Bhatt**.
- Chief of Defence Staff **General Anil Chauhan**, Chief of the Air Staff **Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari**, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral **R Hari Kumar**, Chief of the Army Staff General **Manoj Pande**, Defence Secretary **Giridhar Aramane** were also present.
- More than **100 NCC cadets** and students from Army Public School and Cantonment Board were present in the programme.

### **Veer Gatha project**

- The 'Veer Gatha Project' has been launched by the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** for students of grades 3-12.

- The aim of the project is to commemorate the courage of the armed force officers and personnel.
- It aims to honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of the Armed Forces, other legally constituted forces and officers.
- **Veer Gatha 2.0** is the second edition of Project Veer Gatha.
- Last year, Veer Gatha **Edition-1**, which was launched jointly by the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Education as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, was a huge success.

## **9. President Murmu approves 412 Gallantry Awards to Armed Forces personnel ( Jan. 26, 2023 )**

President **Droupadi Murmu** on 25 January approved **412 Gallantry awards**, including **six Kirti Chakras** and **15 Shaurya Chakras** for Armed Forces personnel and others on the eve of the 74th Republic Day.

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

- These include **six Kirti Chakras**, including **four posthumous**, and **15 Shaurya Chakras** including **two posthumous**.
- These include one Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry), 92 Sena Medals, including four posthumous, one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry), seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry) and 29 Param Vishisht Seva Medals.
- The **Kirti Chakra is India's second highest gallantry award** after the **Ashoka Chakra**. The **Shaurya Chakra is the country's third highest gallantry award**.
- The President has also awarded the President's **Tatrahshak Medal** to Indian Coast Guard personnel for conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty and distinguished service.

### **Kirti Chakra Awardees**

- Major Shubhang of the Dogra Regiment from Indian Army
- Naik Jitendra Singh of the Rajput Regiment from Indian Army
- Jammu and Kashmir police constable Rohit Kumar (Posthumous)
- Sub Inspector Deepak Bhardwaj (Posthumous)
- Head constable Sodhi Narayan (Posthumous)
- Head constable Shrawan Kashyap (Posthumous)

### **Shaurya Chakra Awardees**

- Major Aditya Bhadauria, Kumaon Regiment, Indian Army



- Captain Arun Kumar, Kumaun Regiment, Indian Army
- Captain Yudhvir Singh, mechanised infantry, Indian Army
- Captain Rakesh TR, Parachute Regiment, Indian Army
- Naik Jasbir Singh, Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, Indian Army (Posthumous)
- Naik Vikas Choudhary, Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, (Posthumous)
- Constable Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh, Jammu and Kashmir Police
- Group Captain Yogeshwar Krishnarao Kandalkar, Air Force
- Flight Lieutenant Tejpal, Air Force
- Squadron leader Sandeep Kumar Jhahhria, Air Force
- Corporal Anand Singh, Air Force
- Leading aircraftman Sunil Kumar, Air Force
- Assistant Commandant Satendra Singh
- Deputy Commandant Vikki Kumar Pandey
- Constable Vijay Oraon

**Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry)**

- Major Rakesh Kumar, Indian Army

**Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry)**

- Late CDR Nishant Singh (Posthumous), Navy

**Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)**

- Wing Commander Sumedh Ashok Jamkar, Air Force
- Squadron leader Krishna Kumar Singh, Air Force
- Junior Warrant officer Srikanth Bonam, Air Force
- Sergeant Pankaj Kumar Rana, Air Force
- Corporal Satendra Kumar, Air Force
- Corporal Anthony Mang Kham, Air Force
- Leading Aircraftman Ravinder Singh, Air Force

**Uttam Yudh Sewa Medal**

- Lieutenant General Ram Chander Tiwari, Indian Army

- Lieutenant General Anindiya Sengupta, Indian Army
- Lieutenant General Amardeep Singh Aujla, Indian Army

### **10. Padma Awards 2023: Mulayam Yadav, Ustad Zakir Hussain, Dilip Mahalanabis among 6 awarded Padma Vibhushan ( Jan. 26, 2023 )**

The Centre has announced the **Padma Awards** on the eve of Republic Day 26 January.

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

- Of the total **106 Padma Awards** announced, **six are Padma Vibhushan, nine are Padma Bhushan and 91 are Padma Shri.**
- Nineteen of the awardees are women.
- Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) pioneer **Dilip Mahalanabis** will be posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan in the field of medicine (paediatrics).
- He pioneered the widespread use of ORS, which is believed to have saved more than five crore lives globally.
- Former Samajwadi Party chief **Mulayam Singh Yadav** will be posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan in the public sector.
- Tabla player **Zakir Hussain** will also be awarded the Padma Vibhushan.
- Those who will be awarded the **Padma Bhushan** include Kannada novelist and screenwriter **S L Bhairappa**, industrialist **Kumar Mangalam Birla** and author and philanthropist **Sudha Murthy.**
- The prominent names among **Padma Shri awardees** include stockbroker Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, Rasna founder Areez Khabatta, former union minister and Manipur BJP president Thounaojam Chaoba Singh, former Tripura minister and Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura president Narendra Chandra Debbarma, RRR music composer M M Keeravani.
- Ghazal singers **Ahmed Hussain and Mohd Hussain**, and Bollywood actor **Raveena Tandon** are also among Padma Shri awardees.

#### **Padma Vibhushan**

- Mulayam Singh Yadav (posthumously)
- Balkrishna Doshi (posthumous)
- Zakir hussain
- SM Krishna
- Dilip Mahalanabis (posthumous)

Srinivasa Vardhan

**Padma Bhushan**

- SL Bhairappa
- Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Deepak Dhar
- vani jairam
- swami chinna jiyar
- Suman Kalyanpur
- Kapil Kapoor
- Sudha Murthy
- Kamlesh D Patel

**Padma Shri**

- Sukma Acharya
- Jodhaiyabai Baiga
- Premjeet Baria
- Usha Burle
- Munishwar Chandawar
- Hemant Chauhan
- Bhanubhai Chitra
- Hemoprova Chutiya
- Narendra Chandra Debbarma (posthumous)
- Subhadra Devi
- Khadar Valli Dudekula
- Hem Chandra Goswami
- Pratikana Goswami
- Radha Charan Gupta
- Modadugu Vijay Gupta
- Ahmed Hussain and Mohammad Hussain (pair)
- Dilshad Hussain

- Bhikhu Ramji Idate
- C I Issac
- Ratan Singh Jaggi
- Bikram Bahadur Jamatia
- ramkuiwangbe jane
- Rakesh Radheshyam Jhunjhunwala (posthumous)
- Ratan Chandra Kar
- Mahipat Kavi
- M M Keeravani
- Arez Khambatta (posthumous)
- Parshuram Komaji Khune
- Ganesh Nagappa Krishnarajnagar
- Maguni Charan Kunar
- Anand Kumar
- Arvind Kumar
- Domar Singh Kunwar
- Rising Bor Kurklang
- Hirabai Lobi
- Moolchand Lodha
- rani machaiya
- Ajay Kumar Mandavi
- Prabhakar Bhanudas Mande
- Gajanan Jagannath Mane
- Antaryami Mishra
- Nadoja Pindipapanahalli Munivenkatappa
- Pro. (Dr.) Mahendra Pal
- Uma Shankar Pandey
- Ramesh Parmar and Shanti Parmar (Pair)
- Nalini Parthasarathy
- Hanumantha Rao Pasupuleti

- Ramesh Kites
- Krishna Patel
- K Kalyanasundaram Pillai
- V P Appukuttan Poduval
- Kapil Dev Prasad
- S R D Prasad
- Shah Rashid Ahmed Qadri
- C V Raju
- Bakshi Ram
- Raman of Cheruvayal
- Sujata Ramadorai
- Abbareddy Nageswara Rao
- Pareshbhai Rathwa
- B Ramakrishna Reddy
- Mangala Kanti Rai
- K C Runremsangi
- Vadivel Gopal and Masi Sadaiyan (Pair)
- Manoranjan Sahu
- payat sahu
- Ritwik Sanyal
- Kota Satchidananda Shastri
- Shankurtri Chandra Shekhar
- K Shanathoiba Sharma
- Nekram Sharma
- Gurcharan Singh
- Lakshman Singh
- Mohan Singh
- Thounaojam Chauba Singh
- Prakash Chandra Sood
- Nihunuo Sorhi

- Dr. Janam Singh Soy
- Kushok Thiksey Nawang Chamba Stanzin
- S Subbaraman
- moa subong
- Palam Kalyana Sundaram
- Raveena Ravi Tandon
- Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari
- Dhaniram Toto
- Tula Ram Upreti
- Gopalasamy Veluchamy
- Ishwar Chand Verma
- Coomi Nariman Wadia
- Karma Wangchu (posthumous)
- Ghulam Muhammad Jazz