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1. Suryakumar Yadav named ICC "T20 Cricketer of the Year" (Jan. 25, 2023)

Suryakumar Yadav named ICC "T20 Cricketer of the Year"

Indian batsman **Suryakumar Yadav** has been selected as the **ICC T20 Cricketer of the Year for the year 2022** for his stellar performance.

An overview of the news

- Suryakumar Yadav beat Zimbabwe all-rounder Sikander Raza, Pakistan wicket-keeper batsman Mohammad Rizwan, England all-rounder Sam Curran to win the award.
- Suryakumar Yadav scored 1164 runs in 31 T20 matches played in 2022 and also became only the second batsman in T20 history to score more than 1000 runs in a calendar year.
- Yadav hit 68 sixes in 2022, the most by any batsman in a single year in the history of the format.

In the Women's Section

- Australia's Tahlia McGrath has been awarded the ICC T20 Women's Cricketer
 of the Year award.
- McGrath left behind India's Smriti Mandhana, New Zealand's Sophie Devine and Pakistan's Nida Dar for the award.
- Tahlia McGrath scored 435 runs and 13 wickets in 16 T20 matches in 2022.

2. R Vishnu Prasad Honoured as Most Eminent Scientist of the Year 2022 (Jan. 24, 2023)

R Vishnu Prasad has been conferred with the most prestigious scientific honour Indian Achievers Award for the year 2022 by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

An overview of the news

- So far 69 patents have been registered in the name of R Vishnu Prasad.
- The award is given for outstanding contributions in various fields including culture, science, sports and innovation.
- Vishnu Prasad, who has contributed to smart cities, solid waste management, large scale water treatment, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, was selected by a jury headed by Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra.

- Apart from this, Paramveer Chakra Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar, hockey player late
- Major Dhyan Chand, film actress Shruti Haasan, Padma Shri Alok Mehta, boxer Vijender Singh, Olympic athlete and Padma Shri Sudha Singh, Paralympic coach Satyanarayan, IPS Yashasvi Yadav, Bhushan Kumar and actor Darshan 31 people including Kumar have been honoured with the Indian Achievers Award.

3. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2023 (Jan. 24, 2023)

President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** conferred the **"Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar"** instituted by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** to 11 exceptional children on 23 January.

An overview of the news

- This year the award has been given to **11 children from 11 States/UTs**, who represent the diversity of the nation for their exceptional achievements.
- This year's awardees include one in the category of bravery and social service, two in the category of innovation, three in sports and four in art and culture.
- Out of 11 awardees, 5 are girls and 6 are boys.
- **Smriti Zubin Irani** also released a book "**Young Heroes of India**" on Bal Veer during the ceremony, who presented the first copy to the President of India.

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- Every year, the Government of India presents the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' for exceptional achievement to children in the age group of 5 to 18 years.
- The awards are given to the children for their achievements in 6 categories Art & Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service and Sports which are worthy of national recognition.
- Each awardee receives a medallion, a cash prize of **Rs.1,00,000**/-, a certificate and a citation.

Awardees of Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar -2023

S. no	name	category	state
1,	Aadithya Suresh	Art & Culture	Kerala

2.	Aditya Pratap Singh Chauhan	Innovation	Chhattisgarh
3.	Anoushka Jolly	Social Service	Delhi
4.	Hanaya Nisar	Sports	Jammu & Kashmir
5.	Kolagatla Alana Meenakshi	Sports	Andhra Pradesh
6.	M.Gauravi Reddy	Art & Culture	Telangana
7.	Rishi Shiv Prasanna	Innovation	Karnataka
8.	Rohan Ramchandra Bahir	Bravery	Maharashtra
9.	Sambhab Mishra	Art & Culture	Odisha
10.	Shauryajit Ranjitkumar Khaire	Sports	Gujarat
11.	Shreya Bhattacharjee	Art & Culture	Assam

4. Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2023 (Jan. 23, 2023)

Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2023

Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and Lunglei Fire Station (LFS) Mizoram selected for Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023 for excellence in disaster management for the year 2023 on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on 23rd January.

An overview of the news

Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) -

- OSDMA was established in 1999 after the huge cyclone tragedy in Odisha.
- OSDMA had worked effectively during various cyclones like **Hudhud (2014), Fani (2019), Amphan (2020) and Odisha flood (2020).**

Lunglei Fire Station -

- Lunglei Fire Station efficiently and effectively controlled the massive fire that broke out in the uninhabited forest areas surrounding Lunglei town on 24 April 2021.
- The personnel deployed at Lunglei Fire Station worked tirelessly for more than 32 hours to douse the fire with the help of local citizens, during which they motivated and trained them to douse the fire on the spot.

Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award

- The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has instituted the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar to recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organisations in India in the field of disaster management.
- This is an annual award.
- This award is announced every year on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (23 January).
- In this award, Rs 51 lakh cash and a certificate is given to the selected organisation in the institutional category and Rs 5 lakh cash and a certificate to the winner in the individual category.

5. Goa Manohar International Airport wins Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport Award (Jan. 21, 2023)

Goa Manohar International Airport (MIA) has been awarded the prestigious "Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport" award under Aviation Sustainability and Environment at the ASSOCHAM 14th International Conference.

An overview of the news

- The award was presented for "outstanding initiatives" taken by Goa International Airport Limited (GGIAL) in implementing sustainability.
- The awards were presented to senior officials of GGIAL by **Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.**

Goa Manohar International Airport

- Goa Manohar International Airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 11 December 2022
- Commercial operation was slated for January 5, 2023.

The Union Cabinet on 04 December 2022 approved the renaming of the Greenfield

• International Airport at Mopa as 'Manohar International Airport - Mopa' in memory of late Manohar Parrikar, former Defense Minister and four-time Chief Minister of Goa.

6. Nepalese ophthalmologist Dr Sanduk Ruit wins Bahrain's Isa Award for Service to Humanity (Jan. 19, 2023)

Himalayan Cataract Project Co-Founder and noted Nepali ophthalmologist Dr Sanduk Ruit has won the Isa Award-2021-2022 for Service to Humanity, a top civilian award of Bahrain.

An overview of the news

- The award carries a **cash prize of US\$1 million**, a certificate of merit and a gold medallion.
- Dr. Ruit is a pioneer in providing high quality **microsurgical procedures** in remote eye camps.
- He has been instrumental in making modern eye care affordable and accessible to countries in **Asia, Africa and Latin America.**
- He is fondly called "God of Sight" for saving the sight of 1,20,000 eyes.
- The biennial award will be presented at a ceremony to be held next month at the Isa Cultural Center in Manama under the patronage of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.
- The Board of Trustees considered the findings of the field research team's visit and decided that Dr. Ruit work deserves this award for service to humanity because of the originality of his efforts and his success.
- Dr. Ruitt has trained and qualified more than **650 doctors to treat and prevent blindness.**
- He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award by the Government of India, the National Order of Merit of Bhutan as well as the Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- The Government of Australia conferred on him "The Order of Australia" in 2007.
- In 2016, he was awarded the "**Asian Game Changer Award**" by the Asia Society of New York.
- The "Isa Award for Service to Humanity" was established in 2009 by His Majesty Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of Bahrain.

7. 'Naanera' bags 'Golden Kailasha' award in Ajanta-Ellora film festival (Jan. 18, 2023)

A Rajasthani film "Nanera" directed by **Dipankar Prakash** was awarded the 'Golden Kailasha' award for the best film at the Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival.

An overview of the news

- The Rajasthani film **Nanera (Nanaji's house)** revolves around the main character **Manish.**
- After the death of Manish's father, his maternal uncle starts taking decisions about his life.
- The life of Manish, the main character of the story, takes a new turn when he falls in love with his cousin. Because of this, his family finds themselves in trouble.
- 'Nanera' has also received the **award for Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Editing.**
- The award was announced by **N Vidyashankar**, jury member of **FIPRESCI** (Fédération Internationale de la Presse Cinématographique The International Federation of Film Critics) India.
- Under the award for the best film, 'Nanera' was given a trophy and a cash prize of one lakh rupees.
- The eighth edition of the film festival was organised in **Aurangabad** from 11 to 15 January.
- Apart from this, Akshata Pandavapura of Kannada film 'Koli Isru' (Chicken Curry) won the Best Child Artist and Best Actress award.
- The film revolves around a young mother in a village who must somehow fulfill her daughter's desire to eat chicken curry.
- **Jeetu Kamal** was awarded the **best actor award** for the Bengali film '**Aparajito**' at the film festival.
- 55 films were screened in this five-day film festival.

8. K. Venu was awarded the Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 (Jan. 18, 2023)

In January 2023, renowned author **K Venu** was awarded the **Federal Bank Literary Award 2022** for his autobiography 'Oarnavashanthinte Katha'.

An Overview of the news

- Mr. Venu received the award from **Balagopal Chandrasekhar**, Chairman and Independent Director, Federal Bank, at a special event organised as part of the **Kerala Literature Festival**.
- 10 works were selected for this award. The gist of this book brings back one of the most profound political memories in **Kerala's modern history.**

Federal Bank Literary Award

- This is the first literary award instituted by the Federal Bank.
- The award was announced by Nandakumar V, Executive Vice President & Head
 Branch Banking.

Federal Bank

• Founder of Federal Bank: K.P. Hormis

• Federal Bank Headquarters: Aluva (Kerala)

• Federal Bank CEO: Shyam Srinivasan

9. America's R Bonnie Gabriel became Miss Universe 2022 (Jan. 16, 2023)

R Bonnie Gabriel became Miss Universe 2022 America's R'Bonnie Gabriel won the Miss Universe 2022 title at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.

- Amanda Dudamel of Venezuela was declared the first runner up while Anderina Martinez of Dominican Republic became the second runner up.
- R Bonnie Gabriel, 28, is a model, fashion designer and sewing instructor. She is the first American of Filipino descent to win Miss USA.
- The pageant saw 84 women from around the world compete for the crown.
- Divita Rai took part from India, who could only reach the semi-finals.
- The 71st Miss Universe pageant was held in the city of New Orleans in the US state of Louisiana.
- India's Harnaaz Sandhu was crowned Miss Universe 2021, the third Indian to win the crown after Sushmita Sen (1994) and Lara Dutta (2000).
- The Miss Universe pageant was founded in 1952 by Pacific Mills, a California-based textile company.
- The first Miss Universe pageant was held in 1952 in Long Beach, California.
- Armi Kuusela of Finland won the first Miss Universe title.

10. Rajamouli's film 'RRR' wins Critics' Choice Award for Best Song (Jan. 16, 2023)

Award for Best Song

SS Rajamouli's film 'RRR' won the 28th Critics' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Foreign Language Film and Best Song.

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- The film 'Rise, Roar, Revolt' ie RRR recently received the Golden Globe Award for the song 'Naatu Naatu'.
- The film also won the Critics' Choice Award for Best Song for the song 'Naatu Naatu'.
- For Best Song, 'RRR' was up against 'Where the Crowded Sing', 'Guilmeri del Toro Pinocchio', 'Top Gun: Maverick', 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' and 'White Noise'.
- RRR won the Best Foreign Language Film award beating films like 'All Quiet on the Western Front', 'Argentina 1985', 'Bardo', 'False Chronicle of a Dumpful of Truths', 'Close' and 'Decision to Leave'.
- Movie 'RRR'
- 'RRR' directed by SS Rajamouli is based on nationalism and brotherhood.
- It stars famous actors Ram Charan and Jr. NTR in lead roles.
- The film is based on the lives of real-life Indian revolutionaries Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem.
- The song 'Naatu Naatu' is composed by MM Keeravani and sung by Kaal Bhairav and Rahul Sipligunj.