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### 1. Best Agripreneurs honoured on National Youth Day ( Jan. 15, 2023 )

National Youth Day

On the occasion of National Youth Day, **82 best Agripreneurs** trained under **Agri-Clinic and Agri-Business (AC&ABC) scheme** were honoured for their significant contribution through **Agri-Clinic and Agri-business services** to the farmers.

#### An overview of the news

- The Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Scheme is a mega flagship scheme of the Government, which was launched by the Government of India in **April 2002** in collaboration with **NABARD**.
- It aims to transform unemployed youth into self-employed agri-entrepreneurs through **45 days free residential training** in different parts of the country along with access to loans and subsidies from banks.
- The scheme is being implemented by the **National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad** through a network of 136 Nodal Training Institutes (NTIS) spread across all states.

### 2. Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2023 ( Jan. 14, 2023 )

President **Draupadi Murmu** honored **27 overseas Indians** with the **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award** on 10 January 2023 at the concluding session of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention.

#### An Overview of the news

- It is the highest award given to overseas Indians for their distinguished contributions and achievements abroad.
- Chief among the recipients of the award were **Guyana President Mohamed Irfan Ali and Suriname President Chandrika Prasad Santokhi**. In this context, some of the major award recipients, their country and related field have been mentioned as follows:

Awardee	Country	Region
Archana Sharma	Switzerland	Science and Technology
Reena Pushkarna	Israel	Business and Social Welfare
Vaikuntham Iyer	Canada	Education, Health, Clean Tech.
Shivakumar Nadesan	Sri Lanka	Community Welfare
Jagdish Chennupati	Australia	Science, Technology, Education
Sanjeev Mehta	Bhutan	Education

Dilip Lundo	Brazil	Art-Culture-Education
Alexander Maliakale	Brunei	Medicine
Joginder Singh Nijjar	Croatia	Art & Culture
Ramji Prasad	Denmark	IT
Kannan Ambalam	Ethiopia	Community Welfare

### **Selection of Honor Recipients**

- The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman recipients are selected by a committee headed by the **Vice President**. In which the External Affairs Minister (S Jaishankar) is its **Vice-Chairman**. While other members of the committee come from different places.
- According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the committee considers the nominations for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award and unanimously the winners are selected.
- The awardees are expatriates who have made a mark abroad through their work in different fields.

### **3. Indian peacekeepers honoured with UN Medal for Exemplary Service ( Jan. 13, 2023 )**

Over **1,000 Indian peacekeepers** serving in the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)** were awarded the prestigious **United Nations Medal** at an award ceremony.

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

- At a special award ceremony in **Upper Nile**, 1,171 peacekeepers from India deployed with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan were awarded the United Nations Medal for their **exemplary service**.
- For the first time, a woman officer of the Indian Army, **Major Jasmine Chatha**, led the parade of the Indian contingent at the award ceremony in Upper Nile.
- India is one of the **largest troop-contributing countries** to UN peacekeeping missions
- Peacekeepers of India are commended for their excellent work and duties while serving in missions.
- As of June 2022, **2370 Indian military personnel** are deployed with UNMISS, second only to **Rwanda (2637)**.

#### **About UN Peacekeeping**

- UN peacekeeping began in **1948** when the **UN Security Council** authorised the deployment of UN military observers in the Middle East.

- It helps to bring countries from conflict to a difficult path of peace.
- It deploys soldiers and police from all over the world for peacekeeping.
- India is one of the largest military and police contributors to UN peacekeeping operations.
- There are currently more than **5,700 Indian peacekeepers** deployed in nine of the **12 UN peacekeeping missions**.

#### **4. RRR's Naatu Naatu wins historic Golden Globe for best original song ( Jan. 11, 2023 )**

RRR's Naatu Naatu wins historic Golden Globe for best original song

South Cinema's film **RRR** has created history at the **80th 'Golden Globe Awards 2023'** award ceremony, the film's Telugu song '**Naatu Naatu**' has won the **Best Song award**.

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

- 'Naatu Naatu' is the first Indian song to win this prestigious award.
- The song was composed by **MM Keeravani** and sung by **Kaala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj**.
- In the 'Golden Globe Awards 2023' award, the film 'RRR' received nominations in two categories, including '**Best Film - Non-English**' and the other '**Best Original Song - Motion Picture**'.
- 'RRR' directed by **Rajamouli** is based on nationalism and brotherhood.
- It stars famous actors **Ram Charan** and **Jr. NTR** in lead roles.
- The two play real-life Indian revolutionaries **Alluri Sitarama Raju** and **Komaram Bheem** in the film.
- The film is based on a fictional story set in the **pre-independence era**.
- The film 'RRR' is the first Indian film after two decades to be nominated for the awards.
- Rajamouli recently won the prestigious **New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Director**.
- Earlier in the 'Foreign Language' category, the films '**Salaam Bombay!**' (1988) and '**Monsoon Wedding**' (2001) were nominated. Both these films were directed by Mira Nair and both the films are completely different from 'RRR'.

#### **5. Vivek Agnihotri's 'The Kashmir Files' selected for Oscars 2023 ( Jan. 10, 2023 )**

Vivek Agnihotri's 'The Kashmir Files' selected for Oscars 2023

Vivek Agnihotri's film '**The Kashmir Files**' has been shortlisted for **Oscars 2023**. That means now this film has qualified to get an Oscar.

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

- Actors **Anupam Kher, Mithun Chakraborty, Darshan Kumar and Pallavi Joshi** are also shortlisted for the **best actor category**.
- Rishabh Shetty's '**Kantara**', Sanjay Leela Bhansali's '**Gangubai Kathiawadi**', Paan Nalin's '**The Chello Show**' and SS Rajamouli's '**RRR**' have also made it to the Oscar shortlist.
- Originally made in Kannada with a budget of less than **Rs 16 crore**, '**Kantara**' went on to become one of the highest-grossing Kannada films with **Rs 400 crore at the box office**.
- Marathi films **Me Vasantrao, Tujhysa Sathi Khai Hi**, Kannada film '**Vikrant Rona**' and R Madhavan's '**Rocketry: The Nambi Effect**' have also been shortlisted for Oscars 2023.
- The film '**Rocketry: The Nambi Effect**' is a biopic of ISRO scientist **Nambi Narayanan**, who was accused of spying for ISRO and was later acquitted.
- Apart from these, Shaunak Sen and Kartiki Gonsalves' documentary '**All That Breathes**' '**The Elephant Whispers**' is also a part of the list.

### **6. CJI Chandrachud to be conferred with 'Award for Global Leadership' by Harvard Law School Center ( Jan. 9, 2023 )**

CJI Chandrachud to be conferred with 'Award for Global Leadership' by Harvard Law School Center

**Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud** has been selected for the "**Award for Global Leadership**" by the **Harvard Law School Center** in recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession nationally and internationally.

### **An Overview of the news**

- The award was presented to CJI Chandrachud in an online program on **11 January 2023**.
- Chandrachud holds an **LLM degree** and a **Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (SJD) from Harvard Law School in the United States**.
- Justice Chandrachud, who has been a part of the apex court bench which delivered several landmark judgments including the **Ayodhya land dispute case**.

### **Dr DY Chandrachud**

- Dhananjay Yashwant Chandrachud was born on 11 November 1959 in **Mumbai**.
- He did his schooling from St. Columbus School and did his BA Honors in Economics from St. Stephen's College followed by LLB from Campus Law Center, **University of Delhi** followed by LLM and Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Harvard Law School, USA .

### **Judicial Life of Dr. DY Chandrachud**

- Justice Chandrachud was designated a **Senior Advocate by the Bombay High Court** in June 1998 and was appointed Additional Solicitor General in the same year.
- Justice Chandrachud was a **judge of the Bombay High Court** from 29 March 2000 to 31 October 2013.
- After this he was appointed the **Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court**. On November 9, 2022, he took oath as the **50th CJI**.

## **7. Odisha wins World Habitat Award 2023 for its JAGA Mission ( Jan. 4, 2023 )**

Odisha wins World Habitat Award 2023 for its JAGA Mission

Odisha government's slum improvement and land titling programme, **JAGA (Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission)** Mission has won the **UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023**. This year it was awarded the bronze medal.

This is the **second time** that the programme has received the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Award. **In 2019**, the project received the World Habitat Awards for its success in providing land tenure security to slum dwellers.

This award is given by **World Habitat**, a United Kingdom -based organization, in partnership with **United Nation (UN)-Habitat**, every year, in recognition of innovative, outstanding, and revolutionary ideas, projects, and programmes from across the world.

### **JAGA Mission Plan of the Odisha Government**

The Govt. of Odisha in **May 2018** launched JAGA Mission based on the Odisha Land Rights to Slum Dwellers Act, 2017".

It is the **world's largest** slum titling and upgradation initiative.

It aims to make Odisha the first state in India to **be slum free by the end of 2023**.

### **Achievements of the Mission**

- According to the state government under the JAGA mission out of 2,919 slums in the state;
- 100 percent of households in 2,724 slums have been provided with pipe water connections,
- 707 slums have transformed fully into liveable habitats,
- 100 percent of households in 666 slums have individual toilets, and

- 8 cities have become slum-free.”
- In the last five years, 1, 75,000 families have been granted land tenure security.

Chief Minister of Odisha: **Naveen Patnaik**

## **8. 'Nijat' campaign selected for International IACP Awards 2022 ( Jan. 4, 2023 )**

The US-based international organisation **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)** has selected **Chhattisgarh Police's** anti-drug and illicit liquor **campaign 'Nijat'** for 'Leadership in Crime Prevention' in the institutional category.

### **Important facts**

- In early 2022, the **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)**, an organisation of the Ministry of Home Affairs, included the 'Nijat' campaign among the thirty best smart-policing campaigns in the country.
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), an international organisation of **America**, has been greatly impressed by the effective implementation of **Rajnandgaon** Police's anti-drug and illegal liquor campaign and its results.

### **About 'Nijat' campaign**

- It was launched by the Chhattisgarh Police under the leadership of IPS officer **Santosh Kumar Singh**, who launched an intensive drive against **drug addiction and illicit liquor** in the districts of **Koriya, Rajnandgaon and presently Korba**.
- Under this campaign, a comprehensive awareness campaign is also being run among the people against drugs from city to village.
- The only successful campaign to create a drug free society with missionary zeal - 'Nijat' has seen amazing results.
- The campaign undertook to end the illegal trade of **illegal drugs, narcotics and alcohol** as well as prevent its smuggling.

### **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**

- It is the **world's largest** and most influential professional association for **police leaders**.
- With more than 32,000 members in more than **170 countries**, it is a recognized leader in global policing committed to advancing safer communities through thoughtful, progressive police leadership.
- It was established in **1893**.
- It is based in **Alexandria, Virginia (United States)**.

## **9. IIT Madras' BS in Data Science and NPTEL Win Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards ( Dec. 29, 2022 )**

IIT Madras' BS in Data Science and NPTEL Win Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards

**Indian Institute of Technology Madras** (IIT Madras) has won key recognition in **Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards**, referred to as '**the Oscars of Education**'.

### **Important facts**

- The IIT Madras BS in Data Science and Applications won Silver in the '**Best Online Program**' category, while NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning), a joint initiative of IITs and IISc, won Gold in the '**Lifelong Learning category**.'
- The Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of educators, institutions and organizations that drive innovation and excellence in education.
- The award categories have been designed to reflect the **diversity of the education sector**.
- The winners are selected by an expert panel. This year's award ceremony was held recently at the **Wharton Campus, Philadelphia, USA**.

### **IIT Madras's BS Degree program**

- The program currently has more than 15,000 students enrolled at various levels.
- It aims to help students stay ahead in their career journey. The program is in hybrid mode consisting of online delivery and in-person assessment.

### **National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)**

- NPTEL offers more than 4,000 courses for certification, having over two crore enrolments and more than 23 lakh examination registrations.
- It is India's largest technical dissemination program. It is a consortium of seven IITs and IISc, and IIT Madras leads this effort.
- It has won Gold in the Lifelong Learning category for providing opportunities for personal and professional development, including upskilling and re-skilling.

## **10. The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22 jointly won by Sudeep Sen and Shobhana Kumar ( Dec. 28, 2022 )**

The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22

The **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22** has been jointly won by **Sudeep Sen** for his genre and formbender **Anthropocene : Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation (Pippa Rann Books & Media, 2021)** and Shobhana Kumar for her haibun collection '**A Sky Full of Bucket Lists**' (Red River, 2021).

### **Important facts**

- The **Tagore Award for Social Achievement** was given to **Sanjay K. Roy**, the producer of the **Jaipur Literature Festival**.
- The winners were presented with **\$10,000** and a statue of Rabindranath Tagore at the India International Center on 26 December.
- **Sudip Sen** won the award for his remarkable work in '**Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation**', a collection of poetry, prose, creative non-fiction and photography.
- His poems on the pandemic point to the healing and sensitivity that still exist as human qualities.
- **Shobhana Kumar** won the Tagore Prize for her outstanding work in **A Sky Full of Bucket Lists**, a collection of poems in the Japanese haibun style.
- Haibun is a story or narration based on experience in which one's own sensibilities are threaded.
- It is a contemporary literary form born in Japan combining prose and haiku.

### **About Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize**

- The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Award was instituted in **2018** to annually recognize literary and social achievements.
- In 2020, **Raj Kamal Jha**, editor-in-chief, The Indian Express, won the award for *The City and the Sea* (2019, Penguin Books), and in 2019, it was awarded posthumously to **Kabir** for *One Hundred Poems of Kabir*.