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1. 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.

2. 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.**

3. 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)

4. 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.

5. 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 **Tatrakshak 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, Kumaon 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

6. 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 Mahalanobis** 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 Krishnarajnar
- 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
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- 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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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

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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

10. 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.