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1. Indian film RRR bags two Golden Globe Award nominations (Dec. 14, 2022)

Indian film RRR bags two Golden Globe Award nominations

SS Rajamouli-directed period movie '**RRR**' has been nominated in two categories at the **Golden Globe Awards** to be held in January 2023.

Important facts

- The **Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA)** has nominated 'RRR'.
- The film has been nominated in **two categories** for Best **Non-English Language Film** and **the film's song 'Naatu-Naatu' for Best Original Song**.
- Earlier, there was a demand to send the film to Oscars as well, however, due to the official entry in that award function, this film was left behind.
- Recently, director SS Rajamouli has also received the **New York Film Critics Circle Best Director Award** for the film.
- 'RRR' is the only Indian film to make it to the **International Award category**.
- RRR has been released in many languages, this South film is being appreciated globally.
- 'RRR' is based on a pre-independence story woven around two real-life Indian revolutionaries - **Alluri Sitarama Raju** and **Komaram Bheem** - in the 1920s.
- The film, starring **Ram Charan** and **Jr NTR** in the lead, was released worldwide in five languages in March.

2. 25th SIES Award for public leadership 2022 conferred on former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu (Dec. 11, 2022)

25th SIES Award for public leadership 2022 conferred

Former Vice President **Venkaiah Naidu** received the 25th SIES national eminence award 2022 for **public leadership** in a function held at Mumbai on 10 December. Last year the South Indian Education Society (SIES) award for public eminence was conferred on Uttar Pradesh chief minister **Yogi Adityanath** in 2021.

Other awardees in various categories included the Governor of Kerala, Arif Mohammed Khan, eminent industrialist Ratan Tata, renowned cardiologist Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Ajay Sood and famous Harikatha artiste Vishakha Hari.

Venkaiah Naidu was the **13th Vice President of India** from 11 August 2017-11 August 2022.

The SIES was set up in 1932 by **M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai**.

The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation has on 8 December 2022 announced the winners of the Jamnalal Bajaj award 2022. **Dr Ogirat Younan** and **Dr Walid Slyabi** of Lebanon was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India.

The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation was established in 1977, in the memory of Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj, a close associate and adopted fifth son of Mahatma Gandhi. It was inaugurated on 4th November, 1977 by Mr. Morarji Desai, Prime Minister of India. Each award carries a Citation, a Trophy and a Cash Prize of Rs. 10, 00,000.

The Foundation gives 4 awards in different categories. Three are given to Indians and one award, for promoting Gandhian values outside is given to **a foreigner**.

Jamnalal Bajaj 2022 winners

For Constructive Works

Nilesh Desai of Madhya Pradesh has been chosen for the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Constructive Works. He is the founder of the Sampark Samaj Sevi Sansthan which works for the upliftment of the Bhil Community.

Award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development:

Mansukhbhai Prajapati of Gujarat was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development. He was selected for his innovation and entrepreneurship in bringing traditional pottery making into the mainstream. His company **Mitticool** produces clay products and clay pots. He has helped the rural artisans making clay pottery to find new markets and business.

Award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children:

Sophia Saik of Odisha was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children. She is a social service activist who works for women empowerment and gender rights. She is a prominent activist for women beedi workers in Odisha.

International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India:

Dr **Ogirat Younan** and Dr **Walid Slyabi** of Lebanon was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India.

They are the founders of the Academic University College for Non-Violence and Human Rights. They are the pioneers of non-violence in Lebanon and Arab world and spreading the Gandhian ideas in the region.

6. Bank of Baroda wins EAG Laureate award on Financial Security (Dec. 7, 2022)

Bank of Baroda wins EAG Laureate award on Financial Security

State-owned Bank of Baroda on 6 December 2022 has said it has bagged an **EAG Laureate award** in the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at Sochi, Russia on 10 October 2022.

The Eurasian group on combating money laundering and terrorism (EAG) is a FATF type regional which comprises of 9 members including India.

The [Financial Action Task Force \(FATF\)](#) is the global anti- money laundering and anti- terrorist financing body.

Bank of Baroda

It is the second largest public sector bank in India after State Bank of India (SBI).

The banks in which the government of India holds 51% or more equity shares are called public sector banks in India.

Chairman of the Bank: **Hasmukh Adia**

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO): **Sanjiv Chadha**

The Headquarters of the bank: **Vadodara, Gujarat**

Tagline of the Bank: **India's International Bank**

7. The “Diwali Stamp-Power of One” awarded to four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker at the United Nations (Dec. 6, 2022)

The “Diwali Stamp-Power of One” awarded to four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker

Four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker have been honoured with this year's annual '**Diwali- Power of One**' award at the United Nations (UN) Headquarter at New York, US on 5 December for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world.

The award, which is also known as the '**Oscars of Diplomacy**', is presented to former top diplomats of the United Nations or a member state for their effort to help form a more perfect, peaceful and secure world for all."

The award was established by **Diwali Foundation USA**. The Diwali foundation USA was founded in 2017 to promote a peaceful and consensus based process to achieve societal goods.

Award Winner 2022

Former Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN Kaha **Imnadze**,

Former Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations **Keisha McGuire**,

Former Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the UN **Georgi Velikov Panayotov**,

Former Permanent Representative of Benin to the UN **Jean-Claude do Rego**,

Former Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee of the US House of Representatives **Eliot Lance Engel**.

Speaking on the occasion, the President of the 77th session of the General Assembly **Csaba Korosi** of Hungary said that Diwali marks the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, “much like we intend to achieve here at the United Nations.”

8. President presents National Awards on International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec. 3, 2022)

President presents National Awards on International Day of Persons with Disabilities

President **Droupadi Murmu** on December 3, conferred the **National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** for the year 2021 and 2022 on the occasion of [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#) at a function in New Delhi.

Important facts

- The program was organised by the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister **Dr. Virender Kumar** presided over the function.
- On this occasion, President Murmu presented annual national awards to individuals, institutions, organisations and states and districts doing remarkable work for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- The National **Awards for 2021** were given to **25 individuals**, institutions and organisations.
- The National **Awards for 2022** were presented to **29 individuals**, institutions and organisations for their outstanding achievements and work done towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- These awards were given in various categories including Sarvshresth Divyangjan, Shresth Divyangjan, Shresth Divyang Bal and Balika, Sarvshrestha Vyakti working towards the empowerment of Divyangjan and Sarvshrestha Rehabilitation Professional worker.
- This award is presented by the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment every year on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. 3rd December.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment - **Virendra Kumar**

9. Union Agriculture minister attends the 2nd Sustainable Agriculture Summit & Awards held in New Delhi (Nov. 30, 2022)

2nd Sustainable Agriculture Summit & Awards

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar was the chief guest of the **2nd Sustainable Agriculture Summit & Awards** organised by **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI)** in **New Delhi** on 30 November 2022.

Speaking on the occasion he said that the educated youth are getting attracted towards the Agriculture sector and the government is continuously encouraging them through various schemes and programmes to join the Agriculture sector.

According to FICCI the objective of these awards is to recognize and showcase programs that promote sustainable agriculture development and those that focus on improving farmers' income.

Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

It is a business lobby group of top business houses in India which was founded by Ghansyham Das Birla.

It was set up in 1927

It articulates the views and concerns of industry and tries to influence the government to make policy which is in favour of the industry and business.

Headquarters: **New Delhi**

President: **Sanjiv Mehta**

10. Manthan Platform of the government bags NSEIT Best Tech Initiative Award (Nov. 30, 2022)

Manthan Platform bags NSEIT Best Tech Initiative Award

The Manthan platform conceptualized and implemented by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India has won the NSEIT Best **Tech Initiative of the Year** at the Dun & Bradstreet Business Excellence Awards 2022. The award was conferred at a ceremony held on 29 November 2002 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The award was presented for building the technology infrastructure to support Manthan, a platform that promotes collaboration at scale between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem.

Manthan is aimed at promoting collaboration between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem. Launched on India's 76th Independence Day, Manthan empowers multiple stakeholders to collaborate for co-creating solutions aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our national scientific missions.

Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, **Prof. Ajay K. Sood**

Dun & Bradstreet Business Excellence Awards 2022:

Dun & Bradstreet is an American Multinational company. It is a global provider of B2B data, insights, and AI-driven platforms for organizations around the world. The Dun & Bradstreet SME and Mid-Corporate 'Business Excellence Awards 2022' covers 23 categories largely based on business performance parameters.

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