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1. EGramSwaraj and Audit Online of Ministry of Panchayati Raj wins Gold Award under the National Awards for e-Governance (Nov. 26, 2022)

EGramSwaraj and Audit Online of Ministry of Panchayati Raj wins Gold Award

E-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the Gold Award under the category "**Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation**" of the National Awards for e-Governance.

The award is a recognition of the excellent and exemplary work done by Team eGovernance and supported by Team NIC-MoPR.

The prestigious National Award was handed over to Shri Alok Prem Nagar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj Union by Union Minister of State, and Dr. Jitendra Singh during the [**25th National Conference on e-Governance**](#) at Jammu on 26 November 2022.

2. Youngest entrepreneur Ravi Kumar Sagar conferred with the prestigious Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar (Nov. 24, 2022)

Ravi Kumar Sagar, 22, one of the **youngest founders and CEO of RK'S INNO group** was conferred with the most prestigious **Dr Abdul Kalam Seva Puraskar**.

Important facts

- This award was presented to him for his continuous service to the society and he is one of the youngest entrepreneurs of India.
- The Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar is hosted every year by Vande Bharat Foundation and LeadIndia Foundation to mark the birth anniversary of late former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- The award is given to deserving candidates on Dr. Kalam's birth anniversary to recognize people who have done extraordinary work for the society.
- A young entrepreneur from the Telangana states, Ravi Kumar Sagar also known as RK'S nailed it as a budding entrepreneur during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.
- When other businesses suffered huge losses due to the lockdown and the spread of the pandemic, Ravi Kumar Sagar started his entrepreneurial journey by selling PPE kits, sanitizers and face masks to medical stores and hospitals.
- With the initial investment of Rs 50,000, Ravi Kumar Sagar was a success in generating his business turnover to a whopping Rs 2 crore.
- When he turned 22, Ravi Kumar Sagar founded the INNO Group with INNO Technology Pvt Ltd, INNO Business Pvt Ltd and Aachie Entrepreneur Academy Pvt Ltd.

3. Painter AP Shreethar, Museum man of India was honoured with Economic Times Inspiring Leaders Award - 2022 (Nov. 24, 2022)

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Museum maker AP. Shreethar was honoured with **Economic Times Inspiring Leaders Award - 2022** in Delhi.

Important facts

- The award was presented to Srithar by actress **Mrunal Thakur** in the capital Delhi.
- He is known to have conducted more than 72 shows and exhibitions around the world during his 35 years of travel.
- AP Shreethar is credited as the creator of the world's first Live Art Museum - Chennai's Vintage Camera Museum, Singapore's Vintage Camera Museum (Asia's largest camera museum) and The House of Kalam - a special click art museum in the premises of the late Dr A P J Abdul Kalam at Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
- As a recipient of the renowned Lenin Muzeum Award, AP Shrithar specialises in capturing the essence of his subjects with photo realistic renderings.

4. India's Purnima Devi Barman honoured with U.N.'s highest environmental award (Nov. 24, 2022)

Assam's wildlife biologist Purnima Devi Barman has been awarded the **United Nation's highest environmental honour, 'Champions of the Earth'**, for 2022.

Important facts

- Barman has been given this honour for his transformative action to prevent degradation of ecosystems.
- Barman has been honoured in the Entrepreneurial Vision category of this **year's Champions of the Earth award** by the **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)**.
- She is the founder of the **Hargila Army** and senior project manager of the Avifauna Research and Conservation Division, Aaranyak.
- She is an Indian wildlife biologist working in Assam to protect the **stork**.
- She leads the Hargila Army, a movement dedicated to saving the stork from **extinction**, consisting only of women.
- As part of this movement, women make and sell stork-like masks, helping to raise awareness about endangered species as well as their financial independence.

- Her love for birds was born when she was sent to live with his grandparents on the banks of the **Brahmaputra River** in Assam at the age of five.
- There she saw storks and many other species which made her fall in love with birds.

Greater Adjutant Stork

- The greater adjutant stork is the **second-rarest stork species** in the world.
- Due to the destruction of natural habitat, their population is currently reduced to 1,200, which is less than 1 percent of the number a century ago.
- Rural areas are becoming increasingly urbanised, and the wetlands where storks thrive have dried up and become polluted, replaced by buildings, roads and mobile phone towers.

5. Carlos Saura and Chiranjeevi honoured at the 53rd International Film Festival of India 2022 (Nov. 20, 2022)

Carlos Saura and Chiranjeevi honoured at the 53rd

Renowned **Spanish film** Director **Carlos Saura** and Telugu film superstar Chiranjeevi were honoured at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2022. The 53rd IFFI which is being held in **Panaji, Goa** and was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth affairs & Sports **Anurag Thakur** on 20 November 2022.

The 53rd IFFI being held in Panaji from 20-28 November 2022 is being organised by **National Film Development Corporation** and **Entertainment Society of Goa**.

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Award

Celebrated Spanish film Director **Carlos Saura** has been honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award. His daughter Anna Saura accepted the award on behalf of the eminent filmmaker . He has received the **Golden Bear** for Best Director at the Berlin International Film Festival for *Deprisa Deprisa*, along with two Silver Bears for *La caza* and *Peppermint Frappe*, a BAFTA for *Carmen* and three awards at Cannes, among several others.

IFFI Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022

Actor Producer **Chiranjeevi Konidela** has been chosen for the IFFI Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022. Chiranjeevi has starred in more than 150 feature films in Telugu, as well as some films in Hindi, Tamil and Kannada.

He is regarded as one of the most successful and influential actors of Telugu cinema.

In 2006, he was honoured with the **Padma Bhushan**, India's third-highest civilian award, for his contributions to Indian cinema.

Waheeda Rahman, Rajinikanth, Ilaiyaraaja, S. P. Balasubrahmanyam, Amitabh Bachchan, Salim Khan, Biswajit Chatterjee, Hema Malini and Prasoon Joshi have been honoured with this award in the past.

6. MoS for Education Subhash Sarkar confers National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-22 (Nov. 19, 2022)

National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-22

Minister of State for Education **Dr Subhash Sarkar** on 19 November, 2022 conferred **National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-22 in Akashwani Bhawan, Delhi.**

Important facts

- A total of 39 schools have been given this award, including **five in the national category and 34 in the overall category.**
- The winners of the national category were given **Rs 60,000 and the other categories were given Rs 20,000.**
- The National Commission Committee has selected these schools for the awards.
- The Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar has been instituted by the **Ministry of Education** to recognize excellence in water, healthcare and sanitation in schools.
- The awards were presented to rural and urban government schools, government aided schools and private schools.
- Drinking water, toilets, handwashing with soap, operation and maintenance, capacity building and COVID-19 (preparedness and response) parameters have been used to measure the performance of schools.
- **In 2014, the Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya (SBSV) initiative** was launched to ensure that all schools in India have access to separate functional toilets for boys and girls.

About National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar

- It has been established by the **Ministry of Education** to recognise, inspire and celebrate excellence in **cleanliness and hygiene** practices in schools.
- The main objective of the award is to honour those schools which have taken steps to fulfil the requirement of **Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan.**
- The award is based on IT-enabled assessment of WASH infrastructure, hygienic practices and COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.
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7. India wins Excellence in Family Planning Leadership (EXCELL) Award-2022 (Nov. 18, 2022)

India wins Excellence in Family Planning Leadership

India is the only country to have received the **Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards-2022** in the '**country category**' at the International Conference on Family Planning held in **Pattaya city, Thailand**.

Important facts

- India has made significant progress in adopting modern contraceptive methods, which have helped couples make choices about family planning.
- These are reflected in the **National Family Health Survey (NFHS) - 5 data**.
- As per NFHS-5 data, the total contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) in the country has increased from 54 per cent to 67 per cent as compared to NFHS-4.
- Similarly, unmet needs for family planning showed a significant decline from 13 percent to 9 percent.

International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)

- It serves as a strategy for family planning and reproductive health worldwide.
- It is the **world's largest scientific conference** on family planning and reproductive health.
- The last conference was held in **2018 at Kigali, Rwanda**.
- **After 2009**, this conference organised every two years.
- The first conference was held in **Kampala, Uganda, in 2009**.
- It provides an opportunity to engage with civil society, youth organisations, academia, governments, businesses, cities, parliaments, trade unions to disseminate knowledge, celebrate successes and recognize progress made towards universal access to family planning systems, services and products.

8. Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta chosen for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022 (Nov. 14, 2022)

Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports awards 2022 on 14 November 2022. Table Tennis player **Sharath Kamal Achanta** has been selected for the country's highest sports award Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. 25 Sports persons will receive Arjuna Awards.

The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 30th November, 2022.

National Sports Awards 2022

Major Dhyan Chand Award 2022

Sharath Kamal Achanta, Table Tennis Player

Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2022:

- Seema Punia (Athletics),
- Eldhose Paul (Athletics),
- Avinash Mukund Sable (Athletics),
- Lakshya Sen (Badminton),
- HS Prannoy (Badminton),
- Amit (Boxing),
- Nikhat Zareen (Boxing),
- Bhakti Pradip Kulkarni (Chess),
- R Praggnanandhaa (Chess),
- Deep Grace Ekka (Hockey),
- Shushila Devi (Judo),
- Sakshi Kumari (Kabaddi),
- Nayan Moni Saikia (Lawn Bowl),
- Sagar Kailas Ovhalkar (Mallakhamb),
- Elavenil Valarivan (Shooting),
- Omprakash Mitharval (Shooting),
- Sreeja Akula (Table Tennis),
- Vikas Thakur (Weightlifting),
- Anshu (Wrestling),
- Sarita (Wrestling),
- Parveen (Wushu),
- Manasi Girishchandra Joshi (Para Badminton),
- Tarun Dhillon (Para Badminton),
- Swapnil Sanjay Patil (Para Swimming),
- Jerlin Anika J (Deaf Badminton).

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2022

Regular Category:

- Jiwanjot Singh Teja (Archery),
- Mohammad Ali Qamar (Boxing),
- Suma Siddharth Shirur (Para Shooting),
- Sujeet Maan (Wrestling).

Lifetime Category:

- Dinesh Jawahar Lad (Cricket),
- Bimal Prafulla Ghosh (Football),
- Raj Singh (Wrestling).

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games 2022:

- Ashwini Akkunji C (Athletics),
- Dharamvir Singh (Hockey),
- B C Suresh (Kabaddi),
- Nir Bahadur Gurung (Para Athletics).

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022:

- **Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent category:** TransStadia Enterprises Private Limited,
- **Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility category:** Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology,
- **Sports for Development category:** Ladakh Ski & Snowboard Association.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2022:

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

Indian Sports Award**Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**

- It is the highest sporting award for a sports person in India. The Khel Ratna is awarded for outstanding performances in sports for over a period of four years.
- It was earlier called as **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna** and its name was changed to Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in **2021**.
- The award was started in 1991 -92 and the **first** sportsperson to be awarded was the legendary Chess player **Vishwanathan Anand**.
- Pistol shooter **Abhinav Bindra**, who won the first-ever individual gold medal for India at the Olympics at Beijing 2008, is the **youngest sportsperson to win the Khel Ratna**. He was 18 years old when he got the award.
- **Karnam Malleswari** was the **first Indian woman to receive the Khel Ratna** in 1994-95.

Arjuna Award

It was instituted in 1961. It is given to sportspersons for consistent good performance over a period of four years.

Hockey player **Anna Lumsden** was the first **woman** to win the Arjuna Award. She was conferred the prize in 1961.

Dronacharya Award for Coaches

- It is officially called the **Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games**, for coaches who help athletes achieve excellence over a period of four years.
- The Dronacharya Award was first given in 1985, and the **first** Dronacharya Award winner was wrestling Coach **Bhalchandra Bhaskar Bhagwat**.
- The **first woman to win the Dronacharya award** was athletics coach **Renu Kohli** in 2002.

Dronacharya Lifetime award

- It was instituted in 2011.
- It is given to coaches who have helped sportspersons achieve excellence over a period of 20 years or more.
- The first recipient(s) of the Dronacharya (Lifetime) Award were athletics coach **Kuntal Roy** and hockey coach **Rajinder Singh** in 2011.

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement

It was instituted in 2002. It is given to a sports person for good performance and contribution towards the promotion of sports in an individual capacity.

The first recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Award were Olympian boxer **Shahuraj Birajdar**, Indian men's hockey team player **Ashok Diwan** and **Aparna Ghosh**, an accomplished player and coach with the Indian women's basketball team.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy

- It is the **oldest** National Sports Awards in India which was instituted in 1956-1957.
- The award is given to the University for Top Performance in inter-university tournaments over the last one year.
- **Bombay University was the first winner** of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy.
- **Guru Nanak Dev University** from Amritsar, Punjab has won it a record **23 times**.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

It was instituted in 2009. It is awarded to organisations or corporates (both private and public) and individuals for playing a role in the area of sports promotion and development over the last three years.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award

It was set up in 1994 in the memory of **Tenzing Norgay**. He is an Indian of Nepali origin who along with a New Zealand mountaineer **Edmund Hillary** scaled Mount Everest on **29 May 1953**.

The award is given in adventure sports like mountaineering, skydiving, and open water swimming.

9. Google announces the winner of the Google for Doodle 2022 Contest (Nov. 14, 2022)

Google announces the winner

This year Google has declared **Kolkata's Shlok Mukherjee** as the **winner of the Google for Doodle 2022 competition** for his inspiring doodle titled '**India on the Center Stage**' for India.

Important facts

- Shloka's doodle - '**India on the Center Stage**' - expresses hope for India's scientific progress to gain further momentum in the years to come.
- The theme of the Doodle for Google contest 2022 was '**In the next 25 years, my India will be...**'.
- Sharing his doodle, Shlok wrote, "Indian scientists will succeed in developing indigenous eco-friendly robots for the betterment of humanity in the next 25 years".
- India will travel regularly from earth to space. India will be stronger in the coming years with more development in Yoga and Ayurveda.
- This year's contest received over 115,000 entries from children in classes 1 to 10 from over 100 cities across India.
- Shloka's doodle will be shown on Google.co.in for **24 hours on November 14, 2022**.
- This year's Doodle for Google judging panel included actor, filmmaker, and TV artiste **Neena Gupta**.
- The 20 finally selected doodles were displayed online for public voting. Apart from the national winner, 4 group winners were also selected.

10. Kerala gets the Responsible Tourism Global award at the World Travel Mart held in London (Nov. 12, 2022)

Kerala gets the Responsible Tourism Global award

[World Travel Mart \(WTM\) London](#) Kerala's sustainable and inclusive tourism project STREET has received the **Responsible Tourism Global award** the World Travel Mart (WTM) London in recognition of the water conservation initiatives successfully carried out as part of the community-oriented destination development plans.

The state bagged the award for the commendable work it carried out for 'Conserving Water and Improving Water Security and Supply for Neighbours. 'The award is for the water conservation initiative taken up under the STREET project, which is a first of its kind initiative in the world.

The STREET (**Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic Tourism**) focuses on theme-based street development approaches at tourism destinations to reduce over concentration of activities at core centers, and maximize the local community benefit.

'Water Street' which has been successfully implemented at Maravanthuruthu Panchayat in Kottayam District near Kumarakom was especially mentioned by the jury for choosing STREET for the award.

Kerala Tourism tagline: **God's own country**