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1. Government announces “Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards’ for year 2021 (Nov. 29, 2022)

“Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards’ for year 2021

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has announced the name of the winners of the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2021. The Ministry announced the [National sports awards](#) winner list on 14 November 2022 but the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award winners' names were not announced.

Winner of the award and category

Lifetime Achievement Award: Group Captain Bhawani Singh Samyal

Land Adventure category: Naina Dhakad

Water Adventure category: Shubham Dhananjay Vanmal

No one was chosen for the Air Adventure category.

They will be conferred the award by President **Droupadi Murmu** at a function in Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 30th November, 2022 along with the winners of other National sports awards .

They will receive statuettes, certificates and award money 15 lakh rupees each.

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.

2. Spanish film ‘I Have Electric Dreams’ wins the Golden Peacock for the Best Film award at the 53rd IFFI (Nov. 28, 2022)

I Have Electric Dreams Wins Best Film award at the 53rd IFFI

The 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) came to an end at a ceremony held at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium near **Panaji** on 28 November 2022. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur**, Goa Chief Minister **Pramod Sawant** and a host of film personalities including Akshay Kumar, Asha Parekh, Ayushman Khurana, Manushi Chhillar, Rana Duggubati, Sharman Joshi, and Khushbu Sundar were present.

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

Main Highlights of the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

Opening and closing film of the Festival

The **opening film** of the festival was Austrian Director Dieter Berner's film **Alma and Oskar** and the closing film was the Polish film '**Perfect Number**', directed by Krzysztof Zanussi.

Awards

Celebrated Spanish film Director **Carlos Saura** was honoured with the prestigious **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award**.

Actor Producer **Chiranjeevi Konidela** was conferred with the **IFFI Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022**.

Golden Peacock for the Best Film:

Spanish film Tengo **sueños eléctricos / I HAVE ELECTRIC DREAMS**. The film has been directed by Costa Rican film maker **Valentina Maurel**.

Silver Peacock for Best Director:

Iranian writer and director **Nader Saeivar** was awarded Silver Peacock for Best Director for his Turkish film **No End/ Bi Payan**.

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)

Vahid Mobasseri, lead actor of *No End*, was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male).

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female)

Daniela Marín Navarro, lead Actress of the Film '*I Have Electric Dreams*' was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female).

Special Jury Award

Lav Diaz of Philippines was chosen for the Special Jury Award for ***When the Waves are Gone / Kapag wala nang mga alon***.

Best Debut Feature Film of a Director

Asimina Proedrou of Greece was chosen for the Best Debut Feature Film of a Director. She got the award for her film **Behind the Haystacks**.

Special mention by Jury Award

Director, writer and cinematographer Praveen Kandregula received Special Mention by the Jury for his film **Cinema Bandi**. The film has been made in **Telugu**

The Feature Film Jury, comprising thirteen members, was headed by **Vinod Ganatra**, an illustrious Filmmaker and Editor and winner of 9 National and 36 International awards.

International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

The first International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in the cities of Bombay (now Mumbai), Delhi, Calcutta (now Kolkata), Madras (now Chennai) from 24 January to 1 February 1952.

The Delhi leg was inaugurated by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. It was later held in different cities of the country.

Since **2004, starting from the 35th edition, Goa** has become the permanent venue of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

It is held in the month of November -December every year.

3. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya wins UNESCO Award for cultural heritage conservation (Nov. 28, 2022)

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya wins UNESCO Award

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS), Mumbai was conferred with the **'Award of Excellence'** at the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022 on 26 November.

Important facts

- The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation is supported by a partnership between **UNESCO and Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation since 2021.**
- Since 2000, the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation Program has been recognizing the efforts of private individuals and organisations in restoring, conserving and transforming heritage structures and buildings in the region.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya was established as the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India in 1922.

The list of awarded projects in 2022 includes

- **Award of Excellence** - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya Museum, Mumbai, India
- **Award of Distinction** - Stepwells of Golconda, Hyderabad, India, Zarch Qanat, Yazd, Iran , Neilson Hays Library, Bangkok, Thailand
- **Award of Merit** - Topdara Stupa, Charikar, Afghanistan, Nantian Buddhist Temple, Fujian, China , Domakonda Fort, Telangana, India, Byculla Station, Mumbai, India, Sadoughi House, Yazd, Iran , 25 Chivas in Kathmandu, Nepal

4. Vice President confers Shilp Guru and National Awards to master craftspersons (Nov. 28, 2022)

Shilp Guru and National Awards to master craftspersons

Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** on 28 November gave away **Shilp Guru and National Awards** to master craftspersons for 2017, 2018, and 2019 at a function in New Delhi.

Important facts

- Due to the Corona Pandemic, the awards for the last three years are being presented together.
- These awards are presented every year to great master craftsmen of handicrafts whose work has contributed to the preservation of the country's rich and diverse craft heritage.
- The awardees represent almost all the states and union territories of the country as well as different craft styles from different places.
- India is one of the major handicraft hubs of the world and its handicrafts export is increasing continuously.
- Handicrafts provide livelihood to lakhs of people in rural areas and also become a means of empowering the underprivileged.

National Awards for master craftspersons

- The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has been implementing the scheme of **National Awards for Master Craftsmen since 1965**, in addition to which the **Shilp Guru Awards** were instituted in 2002.
- Its main objective is to give new identity to the excellent craftsmen in the field of handicrafts.
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5. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan confers National Gopal Ratna Award on the occasion of the National Milk Day (Nov. 26, 2022)

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan confers National Gopal Ratna Award

Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying **Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan** presented the National Gopal Ratna Award to the farmers, Cooperatives and technicians involved in Artificial Insemination for their exemplary contribution towards milk production in the country.

The award was conferred during the [National Milk Day](#) function at Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad International convention Centre, GKVK Campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka on 26 November 2022.

The minister said, India is the highest milk producer with a 32 percent contribution to global production. There are 222 cooperatives in the country with over 17 million farmers supplying milk.

National Gopal Ratna Award

National Gopal Ratna Award is one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector, with an objective to recognize and encourage all individuals like Farmers rearing indigenous animals, AI Technicians and Dairy cooperative societies / Milk Producer Company / Dairy farmers Producers Organizations working in this sector.

The Award is conferred in three categories, namely,

- Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle/buffalo Breeds,
- Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) and
- Best Dairy Cooperative/ Milk Producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organization).

National Gopal Ratna Award 2022 winner

S. No.	Category	Name of the winners	Rank
1.	Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds	.Jitendra Singh, Fatehabad, Haryana. Ravishankar Shashikant Sahasrabudhe, Pune, Maharashtra. Ms. Goyal Sonalben Naran, Kachchh, Gujarat.	1st 2nd 3rd
2.	Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)	Gopal Rana, Balangir, Odisha. Hari Singh, Ganganagar, Rajasthan Maachepalli Basavaiah, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh.	1st 2nd 3rd
3.	Best Dairy Cooperative society/Milk Producer company/ Dairy Farmer producer organization	Mananthavady Ksheerolpadaka Sahakarana Sangam Ltd, Wayanad, Kerala. Arakere Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd, Mandya, Karnataka. Mannargudi MPCS, Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu	1st 2nd 3rd

6. Bangladesh film 'Agantuk' wins Prasad DI award at the Film Bazaar section of the IFFI in Goa (Nov. 26, 2022)

Bangladesh film 'Agantuk' wins Prasad DI award

The 5-day long Film Bazaar concluded at the 53rd [International Film Festival of India \(IFFI\)](#) in Goa with Bangladesh feature film '**Agantuk**' being named the winner of the **Prasad DI award**. The film has been directed by Biplob **Sarkar**.

The Film Bazaar section in the IFFI is a converging point for film buyers and sellers from all across the world with a focus on discovering, supporting, and showcasing **South Asian** content and talent in filmmaking, production, and distribution.

The Kannada film '**Mithya**' bagged the **Prasad Post-production award**, while the multilingual Nepali, Kumaoni, and Hindi film '**Bahadur**' won the **Moviebuff Appreciation Award**.

Two short movies, '**Perianayaki**' by Bala Murali Shingade and Suchana Saha's animated film '**Priyo Ami**', received the award under the "Film Bazaar Recommends (FBR)" category.

The French Institute Award by the French Embassy was given to '**Kissa - E - Circus**' by Savita Singh which was showcased in the co-production market.

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7. 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.

8. 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.

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

Painter AP Shreethar, Museum man of India was honoured with

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 Shreethar specialises in capturing the essence of his subjects with photo realistic renderings.

10. 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.