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### **1. Svante Paabo, the scientist who discovered the genome of primitive humans, won the Nobel Prize for Medicine ( Oct. 3, 2022 )**

Swedish geneticist **Svante Paabo** won the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine on 3 October 2022 for discoveries that help in our understanding of how modern day humans evolved from extinct ancestors.

According to the Nobel Committee, Svante Paabo won the prize for "discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution."

Svante Paabo is currently the director at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

Svante Paabo is the son of the Swedish biochemist **Karl Sune Detlof Bergström** who won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1982.

#### **His pioneering work**

He discovered a new human species called the **Denisovans**, from a 40,000-year-old fragment of a finger bone discovered in Siberia.

During the discovery of the genome of an extinct species of human named Neanderthal, he developed a technique by which the genome of any fossil could be accessed.

Dr. Pebo's more than 40 years of hard work discovered such a technique, which can be used to analyse the genome of millions of years old. Through this technique, factors such as bacteria, fungus, dust, seasonal changes and external chemical changes are cleaned from DNA. In the last 20 years, this technology has gone so far that now millions of DNA can be analysed simultaneously.

#### **What is Genome**

Genome is the set of information about genes within a cell. Within the genome, the complete information of that organism is kept in the form of DNA. This information, called the genome, is made up of DNA molecules. Whenever a cell divides or copies, this information is also copied together.

#### **Nobel Prize**

The Nobel Prize, which is considered to be the most prestigious prize in the world, was created in the will of Swedish dynamite inventor and wealthy businessman **Alfred Nobel**. The prizes for achievements in science, literature and peace have been awarded since 1901 and **the economics prize was first given in 1969**.

The prizes carry a cash award of **10 million Swedish kronor** (nearly \$900,000) and will be handed out on 10 December 2022. **10 December is the death anniversary of Alfred Nobel**.

### **2. Dr Madhav Harda selected for 32nd Bihari Puraskaar 2022 ( Sept. 30, 2022 )**

Noted Hindi writer Dr Madhav Harda has been selected for the 32nd Bihari Puraskar 2022 for his literary criticism book '**Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri**'.

This was announced by the K K Birla Foundation on 29 September 2022. Dr Madhav Harda's book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri' focuses on the life of medieval devotee poet Meera.

### **Bihari Puraskar**

- The Bihari Puraskar is one of the three literary awards instituted by the K K Birla foundation in 1991. The award is given every year for an outstanding work published in the last 10 years by a Rajasthani author in Hindi or Rajasthani.
- It carries a cash prize of ₹2.5 lakh, a plaque and a citation.
- The first Bihari Puraskar was in 1991, to the famous poet **Jaisingh Neeraj** for his poetry compilation 'Dhani Ka Aadmi'.
- The 31st Bihari Puraskar was awarded to **Madhu Kankariya** for her 2018 novel '**Hum Yahan The**'.

### **K.K. Birla Prize**

K.K.Birla foundation was established by Krishna Kumar Birla in 1991. It aims to promote literature, especially Hindi literature. Every year it gives literature award for works published in the last ten years

Some of the important awards given by K.K.Birla foundations are as follows:

### **Vyas Samman**

- It is given for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen and published in the previous 10 years.
- It carries a cash prize of ₹4 lakh.
- The first person to get the award was Ram **Vilas Sharma** for his work "**Bharat ke Pracheen bhasha parivar aur Hindi**."
- The 31 Vyas Samman 2021 was awarded to **Asgar Wajahat** for his **play Mahabali.**

### **Saraswati Samman**

- Saraswati Samman is given every year to an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language by an Indian citizen and published within the last 10 years.
- It carries a citation, a plaque, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakhs
- First person to get the award was **Harivansh Rai Bachchan** in 1991 for his four volume autobiography, Kya Bhooloon Kya Yaad Karoon, Needa Ka Nirman Phir, Basere Se Door and Dashdwar se Sopan Tak.
- The 31st awardee was **Ramdarash Mishra** for his collection of Hindi poems '**Mein to Yahan Hun**'.

## **3. President Draupadi Murmu presents the National Film Awards in New Delhi ( Sept. 30, 2022 )**

President **Draupadi Murmu** presented the **68th National Film Awards** on 30 September 2022 in **New Delhi**.

**Important facts**

- **The Dadasaheb Phalke Award** for the year 2020 was presented to the famous actress **Asha Parekh**.
- The best Feature Film award was given to Tamil film '**Soorarai Pottru**'.

**All the notable awards are as follows-**

- **Best Feature Film** - 'Soorarai Pottru'
- **Best Actor (shared)** - Suriya for 'Soorarai Pottru' Ajay Devgn for 'Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior'
- **Best Actress** - Aparna Balamurali for 'Soorarai Pottru'
- **Best Popular Film** - Providing Wholesome Entertainment 'Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior'
- **Best Director (posthumous award)** - KR Sachidanandan, better known as Sachy, for 'Ayyappanum Koshiyum'
- **Best Supporting Actor Award** - Biju Menon for 'Ayyappanum Koshiyum'
- **Best Supporting Actress** - Lakshmi Priyaa Chandramouli for 'Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum' (Tamil)
- **Best Screenplay** - Shalini Usha Nair and Sudha Kongara for 'Soorarai Pottru'
- **Best Music Direction (Background Score)** - GV Prakash Kumar for 'Soorarai Pottru'
- **Best Action Direction (Stunt Choreography)** - 'Ayyappanum Koshiyum'
- **Best Playback Female Singer** - Nanchamma for 'Ayyappanum Koshiyum'
- **Best Playback Singer Male** - Rahul Deshpande for 'Mi Vasantrao' (Marathi)
- **Best Editing** - Sreekar Prasad for 'Sivaranjaniyum Innum Sila Pengallum'
- **Best Hindi Film** - 'Toolsidas Junior'
- **Best Music Direction (Songs)** - Thaman S for 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' (Telugu)
- **Best Lyrics** - Manoj Muntashir for 'Saina' (Hindi)
- **Best Make-up Artist** - TV Rambabu for 'Natyam' (Telugu)
- **Best Choreography** - Sandhya Raju for 'Natyam'
- **Indira Gandhi Award** - Best Debut Film of a Director Madonne Ashwin for 'Mandela' (Tamil)
- **Best Dialogue Writer** - Madonne Ashwin for 'Mandela'
- **Best Cinematography** - Supratim Bhol for 'Avijatrik' (Bengali)
- **Most Film-Friendly State** - Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

**Best Book on Cinema** - Kishwar Desai for 'The Longest Kiss'

### **About National Film Awards**

- It was established in **1954**.
- This Awards is one of the most prestigious and much looked-forward-to events in the country.
- Awards are given in three categories - Feature, Non-Features and Best Writing on Cinema.
- The winners of the awards are decided by a jury consisting of eminent persons in the fields of cinema, other allied arts and humanities.

### **4. Publications Division bags nine awards for Excellence in Book Production 2022 ( Sept. 30, 2022 )**

The **42nd Annual Excellence Awards** Program of the **Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP)**, the apex body of Indian publishers, was held in **New Delhi** on 30 September.

#### **Important facts**

- Publications Division Directorate has published General and Trade Books (English) for 'Balancing the Wisdom Tree', General and Trade Books (Hindi) for 'The Story of the Partition of India', Art and Coffee Table Books for 'Courts of India (Marathi)' Regional Language), Reference Books (English) for 'India 2022', Scientific/Technical/Medical Books (Hindi) for 'COVID-19: Global Pandemic' and categories of Magazines and Domestic Magazines (Hindi) for 'Kurukshetra' Won six first prizes.
- Last year, the Publications Division had won ten awards for its various publications in different categories.
- The Directorate of Publications is a repository of books and periodicals that highlight subjects of national importance and the rich cultural heritage of India.

### **5. Asha Parekh to be honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award, 2020 ( Sept. 27, 2022 )**

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has on 27 September announced that the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** for the **year 2020** will be accorded to legendary **actress Asha Parekh**.

#### **Important facts**

- The award will be presented at the **National Film Awards ceremony in New Delhi**.
- Asha Parekh is a renowned film actress, director and producer and an accomplished Indian classical dancer.

- Starting her career as a child artist, she started her career as the lead heroine in Dil Deke Dekho and acted in more than 95 films.
- She has acted in famous films like Kati Patang, Teesri Manzil, Love in Tokyo, Aaya Sawan Jhoom Ke, Aan Milo Sajna, Mera Gaon Mera Desh.
- She was awarded the **Padma Shri in 1992**.
- She has also served as the **head of the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998-2001**.

### **Five members from the film industry selected for 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke award**

1. Asha Bhosle
2. Hema Malini
3. Poonam Dhillon
4. T. S. Nagabharana
5. Udit Narayan

### **About Dadasaheb Phalke Award**

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's **highest award in the field of cinema**.
- Rajinikanth** was honoured with this award in **2019**.
- The award is given in the memory of **Dadasaheb Phalke**, who is regarded as the '**Father of Indian Cinema**'.
- He made the first Hindi movie, **Raja Harishchandra**.

### **6. Uttar Pradesh gets Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022 for adding maximum various Health facilities ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

Uttar Pradesh has been awarded [Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022](#) for adding various health facilities to the health facility register.

The State was conferred this award by the Chief Executive officer (CEO) of the National Health Authority **R.S Sharma** at the closing ceremony of the [Aarogya Manthan](#) organised by the National Health Authority in New Delhi on 26 September 2022.

### **Achievements of the state**

Uttar Pradesh is the best performing state in the country with 28728 Health facilities added to the **National health facility register** of the National Health Authority.

Also the state is the **second best State** in creating **Ayushman Bharat health account (ABHA)** with almost 2 crores Accounts.

**Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**

- The Prime Minister launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) via video conferencing on **27th September 2021**.
- It aims to provide a health ID (now called as ABHA) to every citizen that will also work as their health account, to which personal health records can be linked and viewed with the help of a mobile application.

**7. Andhra Pradesh gets Ayushman Utkrishtata Puraskaar 2022 ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

Andhra Pradesh was awarded the Ayushman Utkrishtata Puraskaar as the top performing State/Union Territory at the two-day **Arogya Manthan 2022** held in New Delhi on 26 September 2022.

The [Arogya Manthan 2022](#) was organized by the National Health Authority to celebrate the completion of **4 years of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** and **1 year of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**.

The award was given away by the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare **Mansukh Mandaviya**.

Ayushman Utkrishtata Puraskaar (Ayushman Excellence Awards) 2022

- Top Performing State/UT : **Andhra Pradesh,**
- Top Performing District : **Parvathipuram Manyam, Andhra Pradesh,**
- Top Performing Government Facility **District Hospital Dharwad, Karnataka,**
- Best Performing States : **Kerala, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Manipur, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh**
- Best Performing Union Territory : **Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir ,**
- The winners of ABDM Hackathon Series Round 1: **Bajaj Finserv Health - Team Excalibur.**

**8. Hermann Kesten Award 2022 ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

Indian activist-writer-poet **Meena Kandasamy** has been declared the winner of the **Herman Keston Prize 2022**.

**Important facts**

- This Award is given by the **PEN Centre in Darmstadt, Germany**. The award will be given on 15 November 2022.
- Meena Kandasamy is a **Chennai-born anti-caste activist, novelist and poet**. The award recognizes her work on topics of race, gender and ethnic oppression.
- Ms Kandasamy joins a list of notable figures such as Günter Grass and Harold Pinter, whom Penn has seen as defenders of freedom of expression.

- Her books are "**The Gypsy Goddess," (2014)** and "**When I Hit You: Or, A Portrait of the Writer as a Young Wife**" (2017). She has also published anthologies of her poems, most notably "**Ms Militancy**" (2010) and "**This Poem Will Provoke You and Other Poems**" (2015).

**About Hermann Kesten Award**

- Started in 1985, the award was initially given once in two years till 1993. It has been given on an annual basis since 1994.
- The award is given to individuals who stand up for the rights of persecuted writers and journalists.
- In 2008, it was renamed the Hermann Kesten Award.

**9. President Draupadi Murmu confers NSS Awards 2020-21 at Rashtrapati Bhawan ( Sept. 24, 2022 )**

**President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2020-21 on September 24 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- A total of **forty-two Awards** were given. Two Universities, ten NSS Units, their Programme Officers, and 30 NSS Volunteers received the awards.
- Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Nishith Pramanik and Youth Affairs Secretary Sanjay Kumar were present on the occasion.

***About National Service Scheme (NSS) Award :***

- The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, awards the National Service Scheme every year.
- These Awards were instituted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in **1993-94** on the occasion of the **Silver Jubilee Year of National Service Scheme**.
- The awards are given to recognize and reward the outstanding contribution for voluntary community service made by Universities and Colleges, 2 Councils, Senior Secondary, NSS Units and Program Officers and NSS Volunteers for promotion of NSS in the country.

***About National Service Scheme (NSS) :***

- It is a Centrally Sector Scheme that was launched in **1969**.
- Its primary objective is to develop the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service.

- The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The motto of NSS is **“NOT ME, BUT YOU ‘0909090909 0909 09090909 0909’**.

## **10. 2023 Breakthrough Prize winners announced ( Sept. 23, 2022 )**

**On September 22, the winners of the 2023 Breakthrough Prize, called the Oscars of Science, totaling more than \$15 million, were announced.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- This year three awards were given in the Life Science category while one award each for Mathematics and Physics.
- Daniel Spielman of Yale University was awarded the Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for his many discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics.
- Clifford Brangwyn and Anthony Hyman (British scientist) won the Life Science Prize for their discovery of a new mechanism of cellular organisation.
- Other life science prizes were awarded to Demis Hassabis (British scientist) and John Jumper (USA) for developing AlphaFold, which predicts the structure of proteins, and Emmanuel Mignot (France) and Masashi Yanagisawa (USA) for discovering the causes of narcolepsy.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

#### ***About Breakthrough Prizes :***

- The Breakthrough Prizes were started in 2010 by a group of Silicon Valley entrepreneurs.
- These Prizes were founded by Sergey Brin, Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg, Yuri and Julia Milner, and Anne Wojcicki.
- These prizes are the most richly endowed prizes in science, the prize money of which exceeds that of the Nobel Prizes.
- Breakthrough has an amount of \$3 million in each prize, which is more than \$1 million in prizes awarded to the winner of the Nobel Prize.
- The awards are presented in the fields of life sciences, fundamental physics and mathematics.