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### **1. Canadian student wins 2022 Stockholm Junior Water Prize ( Sept. 2, 2022 )**

**Annabelle M. Rayson**, a **Canadian student**, has won the prestigious **Stockholm Junior Water Prize** for the year 2022 for her research on ways to treat and prevent **harmful algae blooms**.

#### IMPORTANT FACTS :

- **Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden**, who is the official patron of the award, announced the winner during a ceremony at World Water Week in Stockholm.
- **Harmful algae bloom (HAB)** refers to the uncontrolled growth of algae.
- This causes toxic or harmful effects on organisms such as fish, sheep, marine mammals and birds.

#### ***About Stockholm Junior Water Prize :***

- It is an international competition in which students aged 15 to 20 submit solutions to major water challenges.
- It has been organised annually since 1997 by the **Stockholm International Water Institute** in collaboration with Xylem, an American water technology provider.
- The award is a part of **World Water Week**.

### **2. Filmfare Awards 2022 : Ranveer Singh bags Best Actor, Kriti Sanon wins Best Actress ( Aug. 31, 2022 )**

**The 67th Filmfare Awards** for 2022 were given out on 30 August in Mumbai.

#### IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Bollywood actor **Ranveer Singh** won the Best Actor in a Lead Role (Male) award for his cricket drama 83, while **Kriti Sanon** won the Best Actress in a Lead Role (Female) award for Mimi.
- Before Filmfare, Ranveer was awarded the Best Actor award for his performance in 83 at The Indian **Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022**.
- The story of Kabir Khan's film 83 is based on India's historic **1983 Cricket World Cup** victory.
- In the film, Ranveer plays the role of **Kapil Dev**, the captain of the World Cup winning team.
- **Kriti Sanon** was awarded for her performance in Mimi, which was released in 2021.
- In Mimi, Kriti plays a **surrogate mother**. The film is directed by Laxman Utekar.

- Kriti won the first Best Actress award of her career at the **22nd International Indian Film Academy Awards in Abu Dhabi in May 2022.**

**List of winners :**

- **Best Actor** - Ranveer Singh for 83
- **Best Actress** - Kriti Sanon for Mimi
- **Best Actor (Critics Choice)** - Vicky Kaushal for Sardar Udham
- **Best Actress (Critics Choice)** - Vidya Balan for Sherni
- **Best Director** : Vishnuvardhan for Shershaah
- **Best Film (Popular Category)** - Shershaah
- **Best Film (Critics Choice)** - Sardar Udham
- **Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male)** - Pankaj Tripathi for Mimi
- **Best Actor in Supporting Role (Female)** - Sai Tamhankar for Mimi
- **Best Story** - Abhishek Kapoor, Supratik Sen and Tushar Paranjape for Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui
- **Best Dialogue** - Dibakar Banerjee and Varun Grover for Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar
- **Best Screenplay** - Shubhendu Bhattacharya and Ritesh Shah for Sardar Udham
- **Best Original Story** - Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui
- **Best Debut Male** - Ehan Bhat for 99 songs
- **Best Debut Female** - Sharwari Wagh for Bunty Aur Babli 2
- **Best Debut Director** - Seema Pahwa for Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi
- **Best Music Album** - Tanishk Bagchi, B Praak, Jaani, Jasleen Royal, Javed-Mohsin, Vikram Montrose for Shershaah
- **Best Lyrics** - Kausar Munir for Lehra Do ('83)
- **Best Playback Singer (Male)** - B Praak for Mann Bharryaa 2.0 (Shershaah)
- **Best Playback Singer (Female)** - Asees Kaur for Raataan Lambiyan (Shershaah)
- **Best Action** - Shershaah (Stefan Richter and Suniel Rodrigues)

**3. Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel wins UNESCO Peace Prize 2022 ( Aug. 27, 2022 )**

**Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize for her efforts to welcome refugees.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- All jurors, including jury chairman and 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winner Denis Mukwege, have been impressed by Merkel's courageous decision to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea in 2015.
- Additionally, the jury awarded an honorable mention to Julian Lusanz for his commitment to women victims of sexual violence.

***Angela Merkel :***

- Angela Merkel was born on 17 July 1954 in Hamburg, West Germany.
- In the 2005 national elections, Merkel became the first female chancellor of Germany, and is one of the leading figures in the European Union.
- She became the Chancellor of Germany for the fourth and last time on 14 March 2014.
- Before joining politics, she was working as a research scientist.

***About UNESCO Peace Prize :***

- Officially it is called the Felix Houphouet-Bougain-UNESCO Peace Prize.
- The honour is named after the former President of Ivory Coast.
- UNESCO's Felix Houphouet-Bogen Peace Prize was created in 1989 to honour living individuals and active public or private bodies or institutions that have made significant contributions to peace.
- The award was established by a resolution supported by 120 countries

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

***About UNESCO :***

- Establishment of UNESCO - 16 November 1945
- UNESCO Headquarters - Paris, France
- UNESCO members - 193 countries
- UNESCO chief - Audrey Azoulay

**4. Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim wins 2022 Pulitzer prize ( Aug. 25, 2022 )**

**Bangladesh-born illustrator and story writer Fahmida Azeem, who works for America's online magazine 'Insider', has been selected for the Pulitzer Prize for the year 2022.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- He will be given this award for the category of Illustrated, Interpretive Reporting and Commentary.
- Fahmida Azeem has been selected to work on the persecution of Uighurs in China.
- Four journalists of Insider magazine including Fahmida Azeem have been selected for the award –
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  - Anthony Dale Colonel
  - Josh Adams
  - Walt Hickey
- Fahmida Azeem was born in Bangladesh and later settled in America.
- His work has focused on themes of identity, culture and autonomy.
- His works are published in many international magazines like Glamour, Scientific American, The Intercept, Vice, The New York Times.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

***About Pulitzer Prize :***

- The award was established in the year 1917 by provisions written in the will of Joseph Pulitzer.
- Columbia University administers the award.
- The Pulitzer Prize is considered America's most prestigious honour in the field of journalism.
- The award is given in a total of 22 categories. In which 15 categories of journalism and 7 categories of book, drama, music etc. are included.
- In 21 categories, each winner receives USD 15,000 and a certificate. A gold medal is awarded to the winner in the Public Service category of the award.
- Govind Bihari Lal was the first Indian to receive the Pulitzer Prize in 1937.

**5. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky to be awarded the 'Liberty Medal' award for the year 2022 ( Aug. 25, 2022 )**

**Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has been nominated for the 'Liberty Medal' for the year 2022 by the 'National Constitution Centre'.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- He has been chosen for this honour for his heroic defence of freedom in the face of Russian tyranny.
- He will be honoured in October 2022 at the National Constitution Centre (NCC), Philadelphia, USA.

***Other awards given to Volodymyr Zelensky :***

- **Ronald Reagan Freedom Award 2022** - It is given to those who have made a great contribution to the cause of freedom.
- **John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award 2022**

***About Liberty Medal Award :***

- The '**Liberty Medal**' award is an annual award given by the NCC of the United States of America.
- It was founded by the Philadelphia Foundation.
- The major winners of this award are Nelson Mandela, Kofi Annan, Malala Yousafzai and Colin Powell.
- This award is given to a person of courage and conviction who has fought to protect the cause of freedom of the people.

**6. UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022 ( Aug. 17, 2022 )**

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar will be awarded the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022 for its 'Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education Programme'.

**Important facts**

- Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences is the world's largest residential institute for tribals.
- It started as a residential tribal school in 1993 and became a deemed-to-be-university in 2017.

**UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize**

- It was first given in 1989.
- It is funded by the government of the Republic of Korea.
- The winner receives a medal, a diploma and US\$20,000.
- It is given in honour of Sejong the Great who created Hangul, the Korean alphabet.

- It is given for significant contribution in the field of literacy.
- The award carries a silver medal, a diploma and a check of USD 20,000.

### **UNESCO effort for universal literacy**

- UNESCO is striving for universal literacy by monitoring global and thematic indicators through the Global Coalition for Literacy within the framework of lifelong learning in 20 countries.
- UNESCO is working towards youth and adult literacy in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to achieve SDG 4.
- It supports the literacy efforts of Member States in the areas of policies, programme delivery and literacy assessment through a range of literacy projects.

### **7. Boris Johnson gives Churchill Leadership Award to Ukraine's Zelenskyy ( July 28, 2022 )**

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on July 26 honoured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky with the 'Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award' and compared the two leaders in times of crisis.

#### **Important facts**

- Zelensky accepted the award through video link during a ceremony at Johnson's London office.
- Johnson recalled how Zelensky had confirmed on February 24 that Russia had invaded Ukraine.
- He said, "In the hour of the greatest crisis, you faced the test of leadership in your own way as Churchill did in 1940."
- Zelensky thanked Johnson and Britain for their cooperation.
- Johnson was the first Western leader to visit Kyiv after Russia's invasion of the northeastern country Ukraine.

#### **Churchill Leadership Award**

- It was first introduced in 2006.
- Past recipients of the award include Prince Charles, former British Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major and former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

#### **Who was Winston Churchill?**

- He was a statesman, writer, orator and leader who led Britain to victory in the Second World War.

- He served as Conservative Prime Minister of Britain twice - from 1940 to 1945 and from 1951 to 1955.
- He was born on 30 November 1874, Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire.
- He died on 24 January 1965, London.

## **8. Global Energy Prize for the year 2022 ( July 26, 2022 )**

Kaushik Rajasekhar, an Indian-origin professor at the University of Houston, has won the prestigious Global Energy Prize for the year 2022.

### **Important facts**

- He has won the award for his outstanding contribution to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing energy generation emissions.
- Out of a record 119 nominations from 43 countries, only three people were selected for the honour, presented by the Global Energy Association.
- Rajasekhar has been announced as the 2022 prize winner by Viktor Orlov, chief expert at the Centre for Innovative Technologies (Rosatom in Russia) and a pioneer in thermonuclear physics.
- The award ceremony will be held during the Russian Energy Week in Moscow on 12-14 October 2022.

### **About Global Energy Prize**

- It was founded in 2002 at the initiative of a Nobel Prize in Physics laureate Zhores Alferov.
- The media and the professional community consider it "the biggest Russian award" and "one of the biggest in the world".
- The prize is awarded by the President of Russia or "a person authorised by the president".
- This award was given for the first time in the year 2003.

## **9. 68th National Film Awards : Soorai Pottru wins Best Film award ( July 23, 2022 )**

Tamil movie "Soorai Pottru" got national awards for the Best Feature Film, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Background Score and the Best Screenplay at the 68th National Film Awards-2020 announced on 22 July.

### **Important facts**

- The movie also won the prize of Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment.
- The film is inspired by the real-life story of GR Gopinath, the founder of India's first low-cost airline.

- The story of this film focuses on the dream of providing low cost air travel to common people.
- Soorarai Pottru is produced by Suriya and Guneet Monga under their 2D Entertainment and Sikhya Entertainment banners.
- Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn shared the best actor title with Suriya for his performance in the period drama 'Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior'.
- This year, the winners were selected from 305 feature films in 30 languages and 148 non-feature films in 28 languages that were received as entries.
- The winners were selected by a 10-member jury headed by Hindi filmmaker Vipul Shah.
- The awards were announced by jury member Dharam Gulati.

**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.

### **10. Maharashtra Govt presents Mother Teresa Memorial Award to Dia Mirza and Afroz Shah ( July 18, 2022 )**

Ms. Dia Mirza, National Goodwill Ambassador of United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and Mr. Afroz Shah, environmental activist, have been honoured with the prestigious Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2021.

#### **Important facts**

- The award was given by the Governor of Maharashtra, Hon'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.
- Both have been honoured for their commendable and remarkable achievements in environmental sustainability.
- Dia Mirza was honoured as UNEP, India's Goodwill Ambassador for her astonishing and remarkable efforts in major environmental campaigns across India.
- Afroz Shah was honoured for his impeccable and original efforts to lead one of the world's largest beach cleanup movements in India, which has inspired people across the globe.
- This annual award was instituted by the Harmony Foundation in the year 2005.
- Harmony Foundation is an international non-governmental organisation working in the field of social justice.