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1. 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.

2. Government extends the term of foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra (Nov. 28, 2022)

foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra

The Government of India has extended the term of **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** as Foreign Secretary. In an order issued on 28 November 2022 the IFS officer's term has been extended beyond the date of his superannuation on 31st December of this year up to **30th April 2024 or until further orders.**

Kwatra became the **34th foreign secretary of India** on 1 May 2022 after the retirement of Harsha Vardhan Shringla.

Foreign Secretary of India

Foreign Secretary is the head of the Department of the Foreign Affairs, Government of India. He helps the Foreign minister in making the foreign policy of India and advises on the administrative matters within the ministry.

The first Foreign Secretary of India was **KPS Menon senior.**

First **woman** Foreign Secretary: **Chokila Iyer (2001-2002)**

Union Foreign Minister: **S.Jaishankar**

3. Rajnath Singh co-chairs 4th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue with French Minister Sebastien Lecornu in New Delhi (Nov. 28, 2022)

4th India France Annual Defence Dialogue

The Indian Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** and the visiting French Minister for the Armed Forces **Sebastien Lecornu** jointly chaired the **4th India France Annual Defence Dialogue** in **New Delhi** on 28 November 2022. Sebastien Lecornu is also scheduled to meet the External Affairs Minister S.Jaishankar and the National Security Advisor Ajit Doval today.

The French defence minister who is officially known as Minister for the Armed Forces is on a two day (27-28 November) visit to India to strengthen the bilateral defence ties with India. It is his **first** official visit to India.

On 27 November 2022 Sebastien Lecornu visited the Southern Naval Command Headquarters at **Kochi** and saw India's first indigenous aircraft carrier [INS Vikrant](#).

According to the Defence Ministry, India and France have close and friendly relations. In 1998, the two countries entered into Strategic Partnership, marking convergence of their views on a range of international issues apart from a close and growing bilateral relationship.

The areas of Defence & Security cooperation, Space cooperation and civil nuclear cooperation constitute the principal pillars of India's Strategic Partnership with France.

India and France military exercises.

The 20th Indian and French navy's joint exercise "**VARUNA**" was conducted in the Arabian Sea from 30 March to 3 April 2022.

The '[Garuda VII](#)' exercise was held from 26 October to 12 November 2022 at Air Force Station **Jodhpur**.

4. PT Usha will be the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association (Nov. 28, 2022)

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High-flying **PT Usha** is all set to become the first woman president of the [Indian Olympic Association \(IOA\)](#) as she has emerged as the only candidate in the election for the post to be held on December 10.

Important facts

- November 27 was the last day for filing nominations and none other than PT Usha filed a claim.
- PT Usha has won the **Asian Games gold medal**. At the same time, in the **1984 Olympics**, she finished fourth in the final of the 400 meters hurdles.

- PT Usha, the **first woman President of the Indian Olympic Association**, is 58 years old.
- PT Usha has won **11 medals in Asian Games and 23 medals in Asian Championships** in her career. These include 18 gold medals.
- PT Usha has won 4 gold medals in **Asian Games** and 14 gold medals in **Asian Championships**.
- She is currently the committee head of the **Pratibha Sangh of India**. This committee conducts national level Indian Talent Olympiad exams in schools all over India.
- PT Usha, who hails from **Kerala**, has studied at **Providence Women's College, Kozhikode**.
- In 1991, she was married to Inspector V. Srinivasan of the Central Industrial Security Force.
- Apart from the post of President, elections will also be held for the posts of Vice President (Women), Joint Secretary (Women). Twelve candidates are in the fray for four members of the executive council.
- **Ajay Patel** of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) is set to be the senior vice-president as he is also the lone candidate for the post.

5. Ravina wins gold and Kirti settle for silver as Indian campaign ends with 11 medals at the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 (Nov. 27, 2022)

Ravina wins gold and Kirti settle for silver in IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022

The Indian boxers ended their campaign in the IBA (International Boxing Association) Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 with **11 medals** with Ravina winning a gold while Kirti had to settle for the silver medal on the final day of the championship. The Indian won **4 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 4 bronze medals**.

In the final day of the championships 2022 Asian Youth gold medallist **Ravina** (63Kg) won the gold medal for India by defeating Megan deCler of the Netherlands.

Kirti (81+kg) lost her final match against the 2022 European Youth champion Cliona Elizabeth D'Arcy of Ireland, and secured the silver medal.

Medal winners of India

Gold medal winners

Vishwanath Suresh in the men's 48kg,

Devika in the women's 52 kg,

Vanshaj in the men's 48 kg,

Ravina in the women's 63 Kg.

Silver Medal winner

Bhawna Sharma in the women's 48 kg category,

Ashish in the men's 54 kg category,

Kirti in the women's 81+kg category

Bronze medal winner

Tamanna (50kg), **Kunjarani Devi Thongam** (60kg), **Muskan** (75kg) and **Lashu Yadav** (70kg) won the Bronze medal for India. All are women boxers.

IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022

The IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022 was held at the Ciudad Deportiva Camilo Cano arena in **La Nucía, Spain** from 14 November to 27 November 2022. Around 600 boxers from 73 countries participated in the Championship.

6. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan attend Manipur's Sangai Festival as a chief guest (Nov. 27, 2022)

Sangai festival 2022

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** attended Manipur's [Sangai festival](#) as a chief guest on 27 November 2022 under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of the Government of India. Manipur's biggest festival Sangai is being held from 21 -30 November 2022. Under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' Manipur and **Madhya Pradesh** are **partner states**.

Artist of Madhya Pradesh will perform traditional dance form of Manipur's like Mao tribe's Naurata dance, Thai dance troupes etc. Before this, Imphal had participated in the Lokrang Mahotsav of Bhopal and now Bhopal is participating in Sangai Mahotsav of Imphal.

The theme of this festival is the '**Festival of Oneness**.' Sangai is the state animal of Manipur, which is found only in Manipur.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme was launched by the Prime Minister Modi on **31st October, 2015** on the occasion of the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

- The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme is a unique initiative by the Government to promote the spirit of national integration and to strengthen the fabric of emotional bonds between the people of our country.
- Every State and UT in the country would be paired with another State/UT for a time period, during which they would carry out a structured engagement with one another in the spheres of language, literature, cuisine, festivals, cultural events, tourism etc.

7. Vishwanath, Vanshaj, Devika wins gold medals at Youth World Boxing Championships 2022 (Nov. 26, 2022)

Vishwanath, Vanshaj, Devika wins gold medals

Indian boxers **Vishwanath Suresh, Vanshaj** and **Devika Ghorpade** won gold medals at the IBA(International Boxing Association) Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 in **La Nucia, Spain** on 25 November 2022.

Vishwanath Suresh from Chennai won his gold medal by defeating Ronel Suyom of Philippines in the men's 48kg final.

Devika from Pune won the second gold for India on the day by defeating England's Lauren Mackie in the women's 52kg final.

Asian Youth champion **Vanshaj** from Sonipat won the third gold medal by defeating Demur Kajaia of Georgia in the men's 63.5kg final.

Other medal winners

Silver medal winner

Bhawna Sharma won a silver medal in the women's 48 kg category.

Ashish (54kg) was the other Indian to finish with a silver medal.

Bronze medal winners

Tamanna (50kg), **Kunjarani Devi Thongam** (60kg), **Muskan** (75kg) and **Lashu Yadav** (70kg) won the Bronze medal for India.

India with 11 medals is leading the medal tallies followed by Uzbekistan.

India's eight medals in the women's section is also the highest for any country.

27 November is the last day of the championship and two Indian women Ravina in 63kg and Kirti in the +81kg will play in the final.

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8. Union Health Ministry appoints Deepa Malik as Nikshay Mitra ambassador (Nov. 26, 2022)

Deepa Malik Appointed as Nikshay Mitra ambassador

Union Health Ministry designated Padma Shri, Khel Ratna Arjuna Awardee and the President of the Paralympic Committee of India **Deepa Malik** as **Nikshay Mitra ambassador** in New Delhi on November 26.

Important facts

- Nikshay Mitra is an initiative under Pradhan Mantri **TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan**.
- Deepa Malik expressed her commitment to the TB Mukh Bharat (TB-free India) campaign, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in **March 2018**.
- She participated in TB awareness activities at the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** Pavilion at the 41st India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- She further extended her support to the campaign by becoming a **Ni-Kshay Mitra**, an initiative launched by President **Droupadi Murmu** which strives to provide aid to TB-afflicted patients on three levels of nutritional, additional diagnostic, and vocational support.
- She herself has adopted **5 TB patients as Ni-Kshaya Mitra** and encouraged people to enrol in this scheme.

About Ni-kshay Mitras initiative

- The initiative ensures three-pronged support includes: **Nutritional, Additional diagnostic, and Vocational support**.
- This program was brought in the direction of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan with the aim of eradicating TB **by 2025**.
- **India has the world's highest burden of tuberculosis (TB)**, with an estimated 2.6 million people suffering from the disease and nearly 4 million dying from it every year.

9. Veteran actor Vikram Gokhale, no more (Nov. 26, 2022)

Vikram Gokhale, no more

Noted actor **Vikram Gokhale** died on November 26 after battling health-related complications over the past few days. He was 77 years old.

Vikram Gokhale who had a long career as an actor in theatre, television and movies, acted in several Marathi and Bollywood films, including "Agneepath" (1990), "Bhool Bhulaiyaa" (2007), "Natsamrat" (2015) and "Mission Mangal" (2019). His latest release was the Marathi film "Godavari".

In 2010, he received the **National Award for Best Actor** for his work in the Marathi film Anumati. With the Marathi film Aaghaat, he also made his directorial debut.

His last film was Nikamma film which was released in June 2022.

10. Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar Inaugurates 63rd STPI at Davanagere, Karnataka (Nov. 25, 2022)

Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar Inaugurates

The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** inaugurated a Digital India Startup hub at the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centre at **Davanagere, Karnataka** on 25 November 2022.

This is the **63rd STPI** centre in the country and the fifth in Karnataka.

The minister said that India has the fastest growing innovation system with more than 80,000 Startups and over 107 Unicorns, the Minister said the world today looks at India with awe and respect.

Software Technology Park of India (STPI)

It was set up in 1991 by the under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

It was set up to promote Software to promote the development and export of software and software services including Information Technology (I.T.) Enabled Services / Bio-IT.

It aims to be the largest technology Startup ecosystem in the country and to transform the country into a software product nation.

The total export from STPI in 2020-21 was Rs. 4, 96,313 crores, which is around 50% of the national software exports and 2.3% of India's GDP in 2020-21.

Director General of STPI : **Arvind Kumar**