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Awards and Prizes

Sahitya Academy Awards Announced for the year 2013

The Sahitya Akademi Awards 2013 was announced on 18 December 2013 by Sahitya Akademi. Poetry writers have dominated the awards announced in 2013. Eight books of poetry, four of essays, three of novels, two each of short stories and travelogues, one each of autobiography, memoirs and play have won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2013. The awards were recommended by jury members, who represent 22 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi that met under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President of the Sahitya Akademi. Assamese and Gujarati language awards will be declared later on. The books were selected on the basis of recommendations made by a Jury of three members in the concerned languages in accordance with the procedure laid down for the purpose. According to the procedure, the Executive Board declared the Awards on the basis of unanimous selections made by the Jurors or selection made on the basis of majority vote. The Awards relate to books first published during the

three years immediately preceding the year of Award (i.e., between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2011). The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and a cheque of 100000 rupees will be presented to the authors of these books at a special function to be held on 11 March 2014 at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters organized by Sahitya Akademi.

Winning poets of these awards were:

- Javed Akhtar for poetry Lava in Urdu language
- Namdev Tarachandani in Sindhi language for poetry Mansh-Nagari
- Arjun Charan Hembram for poetry Chanda Bonga in Santali language
- Radhakant Thakur for poetry Chaladuravani in Sanskrit
- Ambika Dutt for poetry Aanthyo Nahi Din Hal in Rajasthani
- Sitaram Sapolia for poetry Doha Satsai in Dogri
- Anil Boro for poetry Delphini Onthai Mwdai Arg Gubun Gubun Khonthai in Bodo
- Subodh Sarkar for poetry Dwaipayam Hrader Dhare in Bengali

List of Sahitya Akademi Awards for the year of 2013

Language	Title and Genre	Author
Bengali	Dwaipayam Hrader Dhare (Poetry)	Subodh Sarkar
Bodo	Delphini Onthai Mwdai Arw Gubun Gubun Khonthai (Poetry)	Anil Boro
Dogri	Doha Satsai (Poetry)	Sitaram Sapolia
English	Laburnum For My Head (Short Stories)	Temsula Ao
Hindi	Miljul Man (Novel)	Mridula Garg
Kannada	Akyana-Vyakana (Essays)	C.N. Ramachandran
Kashmiri	Aina Aatash (Short Stories)	Mohi-ud-Din Reshi
Konkani	Manmotayam (Essays)	Tukaram Rama Shet

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Maithili	Sangharsh Aa Sehanta (Memoirs)	Sureshwar Jha
Malayalam	Kathayillathavante Katha (Autobiography)	M.N. Paloor
Manipuri	Chinglon Amadagi Amada (Travelogue)	Makhonmani Mongsaba
Marathi	Vachanaryachi Rojanishee (Essays)	Satish Kalasekar
Nepali	Manka Lahar Ra Raharharu (Travelogue)	Man Bahadur Pradhan
Odia	Banaprastha (Play)	Bijoy Misra
Punjabi	Nirvaan (Novel)	Manmohan
Rajasthani	Aanthyoi Nahi Din Hal (Poetry)	Ambika Dutt
Sanskrit	Chaladuravani (Poetry)	Radhakant Thakur
Santali	Chanda Bonga (Poetry)	Arjun Charan Hembram
Sindhi	Mansh-Nagari (Poetry)	Namdev Tarachandani
Tamil	Korkai (Novel)	R.N. Joe D' Cruz
Telugu	Sahityaakashmlo Sagam (Essays)	Katyayani Vidmahe
Urdu	Lava (Poetry)	Javed Akhtar

Sahitya Akademi

The Sahitya Akademi was formally inaugurated by the Government of India on 12 March 1954. As a national organization it is responsible to work for the development of Indian letters and to set the literary standards in all the Indian languages. It functions as an autonomous organization. It was registered as a society on 7 January 1956, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

eASIA Award 2013

Directorate General of Foreign Trade's e-BRC project has won the 2013 eASIA Award under Trade Facilitation category. The award was announced by Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (AFACT) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 29 November 2013.

About e-BRC Project

electronic Bank Realization Certificate (e-BRC) project was launched on 5 June 2012, to electronically transmit foreign exchange realization details on exports from the respective banks to Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

The project has created an integrated platform for receipt, processing and subsequent use of all Bank Realization related information by exporters, banks, central and state government departments. It was made mandatory with effect from 17 August 2012.

The Bank Realization Certificate is required for discharge of export obligation and to claim incentives under Foreign Trade Policy. Earlier, this

certificate was issued by banks manually. BRC is also used by state government departments for refund of VAT.

About the Award

The award is administered by Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (AFACT). Its principal focus is to facilitate international transactions, through the simplification and harmonization of procedures and information flows, and so contribute to the growth of global commerce. AFACT aims to support in the Asia Pacific region and its adjacent countries and economies policies and activities, especially those promoted by United Nations Center for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), dedicates to stimulate, improve and promote the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, to exchange products and relevant services effectively through the simplification and harmonization of processes, procedures and information flows in a non-political environment.

What is PAA?

Pan Asian eCommerce Alliance (PAA) is the Association member of the AFACT and the member countries are:

- Afghanistan
- Australia
- China
- Chinese Taipei
- Cambodia
- India
- Indonesia
- R. Iran
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Mongolia

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- Vietnam
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand

US Presidential

Early Career Award

Two Indian Americans are among 102 scientists who received the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers. The awards were given by President Barack Obama on 23 December 2013. The Indian – American who received the award are Dr. Karunesh Ganguly of San Francisco and Dr. Hardeep Singh of Houston. They will receive their awards at a Washington, DC, ceremony in the coming year. The award is categorized as the highest US honour for young professionals in these fields. Dr. Karunesh Ganguly’s research was aimed towards the development of novel therapies for patients with chronic neurological deficits following stroke or other forms of brain injury.

Dr. Hardeep Singh’s research involved

detecting, understanding and reducing missed and delayed diagnosis in the outpatient setting, as well as in using health information technology to achieve safe and effective health care.

Presidential

Early Career Award

Initiated by President Clinton in 1996 and coordinated by the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the awards are the highest honors given by the U.S. on young scientists, researchers and engineers.

ET Lifetime Achievement Award 2013

Wipro Chairman Azim Premji, 68, won the Economic Times Lifetime Achievement Award 2013 for his role in creating India’s third-largest software exporter and also for the impressive scale of his philanthropy. The 2013 ET Awards for Corporate Excellence were given in Mumbai on 9 December 2013.

The ET Awards were decided by a jury headed by Anshu Jain, co-CEO of Deutsche Bank. The theme of the awards was Governance.

The list of the 2013 ET Award winners:

NAME	CATEGORY	CONTRIBUTION
Kumar Mangalam Birla	Business Leader of the Year	Chairman of the 40 billion dollar commodities-to-telecom Aditya Birla Group was chosen for his feat in transforming a traditional Indian family enterprise - which he inherited in 1995 after the sudden death of his father - into a globalised conglomerate, with 51% of its revenues coming from abroad.
P Chidambaram	Business Reformer of the Year	Finance Minister of India was chosen for his Herculean efforts in turning around the fortunes of the economy.
Vinod Khosla	Global Indian of the Year	A storied venture capitalist, Khosla was one of the founders of Sun Microsystems, where he pioneered open systems. He then went on an equally stellar career in venture capital at Kleiner, Perkins Caufield & Byers (KPCB), which he joined in 1986. In 2004, he set up Khosla ventures, which has a bent for startups in the clean energy space and microfinance.
Sachin Bansal	Entrepreneur of the Year	The founder of Flipkart, was picked for creating an e-commerce company valued at over \$1 billion that showed the appetite for risk-taking by Bansal.
Azim Premji	Lifetime Achievement Award	Chairman of Wipro was recognised by the jury not only for his role in creating India’s third-largest software exporter but also for the impressive scale of his philanthropy.
Larsen & Toubro	Corporate Citizen of the Year	A M Naik led L & T got the award for its contribution to public good through commitment to critical social causes that influence the lives of thousands of needy Indians.
Bookmyshow	Start-up of the Year	Ashish Hemrajani led Bookmyshow is the India’s most popular ticketing website and the jury recognized it for its potential to rapidly establish itself as an innovative and financially successful company
Sun Pharma	Company of the Year	The jury recognised Dilip Shangavi led Sun Pharma for its considerable achievements: the number one Indian pharma company by sales, net profit and market capitalisation. The latter was an eye-popping Rs 1.18 lakh crore at the Wednesday close, up 54% in 2013.

Last year's ET Award winners

- Business Leader of the year: Anil Agarwal
- Corporate Citizen of the year: Aditya Birla Group
- Entrepreneur of the year: Devi Prasad Shetty
- Global Indian of the year: Anshu Jain
- Policy Change Agent of the year: Sam Pitroda
- Company of the year: HDFC Bank
- Emerging Company of the year: Jubilant FoodWorks
- Lifetime Achievement Award: PRS Oberoi

Itihas Ratna award

Eminent historian Bipan Chandra on 17 December 2013 was awarded Itihas Ratna from Asiatic Society Bihar. The award was given to Bipan Chandra on his 86th birthday. He was honoured by O.P. Jaiswal, the Secretary of the Asiatic Society of Bihar in the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Campus, New Delhi. Bipan Chandra is the fourth historian to be honoured with the Itihas Ratna by the society.

The three others, who have been honoured with the Itihas Ratna are:

- Ram Sharan Sharma, who was awarded on 19 November 2010
- Irfan Habib was awarded on 9 September 2011
- J S Grewal awarded on 9 September 2012

About Bipan Chandra

- The Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism, is one of his known and one of the earliest books
- He served the Indian History Congress as its Sectional President and then as the General President in 1985
- He has been a Chairperson of the centre for historical studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi
- In 1993, he became a member of the University Grants Commission
- From 2004-2012, he has served National Book Trust, New Delhi as its Chairperson
- He was at the forefront of the communist struggle in India since independence
- He is an Indian historian and has specialized

in economic and political history of modern India

- He was born in 1928 in Kangra Valley of Himachal Pradesh
IFFI Award 2013

East Timor film '**Beatriz's War**' bagged Golden Peacock award for **Best Film** at the 44th International Film Festival of India at Panaji, Goa on 30 November 2013. The film, directed by Bety Reis and Luigi Acquisto, is a passionate story of one woman's conviction to remain true to the man she loves. The award carries a Golden Peacock, a certificate and a Cash Prize of 40 lakh Rupees.

Indian Director Kaushik Ganguli bags the award for **Best Director** for his Bengali film '**Apur Panchali**'. The award carries a Silver Peacock, a certificate and a cash prize of 15 lakh Rupees. Special Jury Award went to Turkish film '**Thou Gild'st The Even**', directed by Onur Unlu. The award carries a Silver Peacock, a certificate and a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees. Best Actor (Male) award went to Alon Moni Aboutboul for his performance in Israeli movie '**A Place in Heaven**'. The award carries a Silver Peacock, a certificate and a cash prize of 10 lakh rupees. Best Actor (Female) award was presented to Boczarska Magdalena for her excellent performance in Polish film '**In Hiding**'. The Award carries a Silver Peacock, a certificate and a cash prize of 10 lakh Rupees. The Special Centenary Award was given to Bengali film '**Meghe Dhaka Tara**', directed by Kamaleshwar Mukherjee. The award carries a Silver Peacock, a certificate and a cash prize of 10 lakh Rupees.

Sword of Honour Award

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad awarded the Sword of Honour for safety management in London in the second week of December 2013. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Ltd is operated by GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL) and it is first airport in India to receive this award. The airport received award in recognition of its effective implementation of occupational health and safety management systems from the British Safety Council for health and safety works at the airport.



The Sword of Honour is considered to be Oscar of the Safety World. The Organization has achieved 5-star certification in the British Safety Council's audit Programme.

Dubai International Film Festival Award

Irrfan Khan on 13 December 2013 won the best actor award for his brilliant performance in his film *The Lunchbox* at the 10th edition of Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF).

Ritesh Batra, the Writer-Director of the film *The Lunchbox*, got a special mention for screenplay for the film in the same category. Irrfan won the award in the Muhr Asia Africa Feature Category. Dubai International Film Festival was held from 6 December to 14 December 2013. The jury at the DIFF was headed by renowned filmmaker Shekhar Kapur.

The 2013 other Award winners were

- Apart from this, Ilo Ilo – the story of a Filipina maid from Singapore bagged the Best Picture Prize, whereas its star, Yeo Yann Yann won the Best Actress Award.
- Sandeep Ray won the best director award for his Bengali language film *Shirno Bahu* or the *Thin Arms*, which revolves around an ailing octogenarian woman in the Muhr Asia Africa shorts category
- The Palestinian work, *Omar*, won the top Muhr Arab Feature Prize. *Omar*, which was opened in the current 10th edition of the Festival, but also played at Cannes in May and Toronto in September. *Omar* is also Palestine's submission for the Foreign Language Oscar. The movie is a thriller and talks about the relationship between a young Palestinian and a hardcore Israeli agent. Its director Hany Abu Assad was adjudged the best helmer
- In the Muhr Arab Feature Prize category, Yasmine Raees won Best Actress Award for the buzz-worthy Egyptian movie, *Factory Girl* – a work about the nation's stifling social mores.
- Hassan Badid was declared the Best Actor for his performance in Morocco's *They are*

the Dogs

- Among the documentaries, Salma El Tarzi, a Egyptian filmmaker bagged the Best Director trophy for *Underground on the Surface*, while the Best Documentary spot was filled by Karim Amer's *The Square*
- Emirates NBD People's Choice Award: Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee for American film *Frozen* and Amal Al-Agroobi for *The Brain That Sings* (UAE)

India Pride Award

IRCON International Limited on 20 December 2013 has been awarded the prestigious India Pride Awards for Excellence in Central PSUs in India Image Enhancement. The award was received by Mohan Tiwari, the CMD of IRCON from M.M. Pallam Raju, the Union Minister for Human Resources Development.

About IRCON

IRCON International Limited is a government company that was incorporated by the Central Government (Ministry of Railways) under the Companies Act, 1956 on 28 April 1976 originally under the name Indian Railway Construction Company Limited. It is a leading turnkey construction company in the public sector known for its quality, commitment and consistency in terms of Performance. IRCON has widespread operations in several States in India and in other countries like Malaysia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, U.K. Algeria, Sri Lanka and others. The Company has earned total foreign exchange of 2117 crore rupees in the last five years. IRCON has so far completed over 100 projects in more than 20 countries.

KMC-INTACH

Heritage Award 2013

The 103-year-old Park Mansions on Kolkata's upscale Park Street was given the prestigious heritage award for the restoration of its colonial era structure. The KMC-INTACH Heritage Award 2013 was given to the Park Mansions by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Indian National Trust

for Art and Cultural Heritage. The heritage property was restored at a cost of more than 10 crore rupees to its original glory in 2010, the centennial year of the building. It is owned by the Karan Paul led Apeejay Surendra Group. The building was constructed in 1910 for both residential and commercial use and it is spread over more than 5 bighas. The architecture is a mixture of Victorian and Indo-Saracen styles with a bulbous dome on the roof, British-style interiors with a touch of Indian architectural style on the facade. The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) is a non-profit organization set up in 1984 to involve its members in protecting and conserving India's vast natural, built and cultural heritage.

Bharat Ratna Award

The Government of India on 16 November 2013 decided to confer, the **Bharat Ratna**, the highest civilian award on eminent scientist **Prof CNR Rao** and cricket player **Sachin Tendulkar**. Sachin Tendulkar is the first sports person to win the Bharat Ratna Award. The Bharat Ratna award so far, given only to eminent personalities from the field of dance, music, art, literature and the social sector. In the year 2011, the Government of India modified the eligibility criteria for Bharat Ratna Award - to enable eminent Sports-persons to receive the Nation's highest civilian award.

About Prof. CNR Rao

Prof. Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao (CNR Rao) was born on 30 June 1934, Bangalore, India. He is an eminent scientist and a well recognized international authority on solid state and materials chemistry.

He has published over 1400 research papers and 45 books. Prof. CNR Rao's contributions have been recognized by most major scientific academies around the world through conferment of memberships and fellowships. He has been honoured with several national and international awards, including Padma Vibhushan. Prof. CNR Rao is Honorary President of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, India.

Prof, CNR Rao is presently serving as the **head of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime**

Minister of India. The Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister is the uppermost body that deliberates on various policy issues, pertaining to Science & Technology and also on the role it can play in the upliftment of the Indian economy.

About Sachin Tendulkar

Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar is an Indian Batsman who is considered one of the greatest batsmen of the cricket world. Sachin Tendulkar who belongs to Mumbai Maharashtra made his appearance in six world cups for India and was the member of the 2011 World Cup winning squad of the nation. Sachin Tendulkar made his Test debut against arch-rival Pakistan at Karachi in 1989. He made his ODI debut against Pakistan in 1989 in Gujranwala. He currently holds the record for most hundreds in both Tests and One Day Internationals. In 198 Test matches, Sachin Tendulkar scored over Fifteen Thousand Eight hundred runs at an average of 53.86. He slammed 51 Test centuries and an unbeaten 248 against Bangladesh in Dhaka in 2004 was his best ever. He made 49 hundreds in the one-day format, including a double hundred which is the first in this form of cricket and 96 half centuries. In 2012, Sachin Tendulkar became the first player to score 100 international centuries. Sachin Tendulkar announced his retirement from Test cricket after playing his landmark 200th Test match against the West Indies on 15 November 2013. Earlier, Sachin Tendulkar announced retirement from one day cricket on 23 December 2012 and from Twenty20 cricket format on 26 May 2013.

About Bharat Ratna award

- Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian Award of the country was instituted in the year 1954.
- It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour.
- The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister himself to the President.
- The number of annual awards is restricted to a maximum of three in a particular year.
- The last recipient of Bharat Ratna award is



- Pandit Bhimsen Joshi in 2008.
- The first three Indians, who received the Bharat Ratna were Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman, Chakravarti Rajagopalachari and Sarvapali Radhakrishnan in 1954.
 - There is no written provision that Bharat Ratna should be awarded to Indian citizens only.
 - The award has been conferred to a naturalised Indian citizen **Mother Teresa** (1980) and to two non-Indians Khan **Abdul Ghaffar Khan** and **Nelson Mandela** (1990).
 - The award does not carry any monetary grant. In terms of Article 18 (1) of the Constitution, the award cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the recipient's name.

LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF BHARAT RATNA

S.No.	Name	Awarded In
1.	Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari (1878-1972)	1954
2.	Dr. Sarvapali Radhakrishnan (1888-1975)	1954
3.	Dr. Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (1888-1970)	1954
4.	Dr. Bhagwan Das (1869-1958)	1955
5.	Dr. Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya (1861-1962)	1955
6.	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964)	1955
7.	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant (1887-1961)	1957
8.	Dr. Dhondo Keshave Karve (1858-1962)	1958
9.	Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (1882-1962)	1961
10.	Shri Purushottam Das Tandon (1882-1962)	1961
11.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad (1884-1963)	1962
12.	Dr. Zakir Hussain (1897-1969)	1963
13.	Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane (1880-1972)	1963
14.	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri (Posthumous) (1904-1966)	1966
15.	Smt. Indira Gandhi (1917-1984)	1971
16.	Shri Varahagiri Venkata Giri (1894-1980)	1975
17.	Shri Kumaraswami Kamraj (Posthumous) (1903-1975)	1976
18.	Mother Mary Taresa Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa) (1910-1997)	1980
19.	Shri Acharya Vinobha Bhave (Posthumous) (1895-1982)	1983
20.	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan (1890-1988)	1987
21.	Shri Marudu Gopalan Ramachandran (Posthumous) (1917-1987)	1988
22.	Dr. Bhim Rao Ramji Ambedkar (Posthumous) (1891-1956)	1990
23.	Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (b-1918)	1990
24.	Shri Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous) (1944-1991)	1991
25.	Sardar Vallabhbai Patel (Posthumous) (1875-1950)	1991
26.	Shri Morarji Ranchhodji Desai (1896-1995)	1991
27.	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (Posthumous) (1888-1958)	1992
28.	Shri Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhai Tata (1904-1993)	1992
29.	Shri Satyajit Ray (1922-1992)	1992
30.	Shri Gulzarilal Nanda (1898-1998)	1997
31.	Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali (Posthumous) (1909-1996)	1997
32.	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (b-1931)	1997
33.	Smt. Madurai Sanmukhavadiyu Subbulakshmi (1916-2005)	1998
34.	Shri Chidambaram Subramniam (1910-2000)	1998

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EU's Sakharov Human Rights Prize 2013

Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani teenage activist on 20 November 2013 received the EU's Sakharov human rights prize for her brave crusade for the right of the children to education.

The European Parliament President Martin Schulz presented the award to the 16-year-old Malala at a ceremony in Strasbourg, France. Malala Yousafzai dedicated the award to "the unsung heroes of Pakistan" and to human rights campaigners worldwide. Malala was shot in the head in October 2012 for campaigning for better rights for girls in Swat Valley of northwest Pakistan, an erstwhile Taliban stronghold.

About Sakharov Prize

The Sakharov Prize for free speech is awarded by the European Parliament annually in memory of Soviet physicist and dissident Andrei Sakharov. The prize was set up in 1988 to honour individuals or organisations for their efforts on behalf of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The 50000-Euro prize is considered Europe's top human rights award. In 2012 the award went to detained Iranians, lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh and film maker Jafar Panahi, to honour those standing up for a better Iran. with this award Malala joins a distinguished list of winners of the prize that includes South Africa's Nelson Mandela and Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar.

Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace 2013

Dr. Angela Merkel, German Chancellor on 19

November 2013 selected for Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2013. The International Jury for the Prize was chaired by the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, which made this announcement on 19 November 2013 on the birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi. Dr. Angela Merkel is nominated for her exemplary leadership in Europe and the world during the financial crises, her commitment to universal peace and disarmament and her leadership role in strengthening productive and mutually beneficial relations with India and other developing countries.

About Angela Merkel

- Angela Dorothea Kasner, better known as Angela Merkel, was born in Hamburg, West Germany, on 17 July 1954. Trained as a physicist, Merkel entered politics after the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall.
- Rising to the position of Chairwoman of the Christian Democratic Union party, Merkel became Germany's first female chancellor, and one of the leading figures of the European Union, following the 2005 national elections.

About Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development

- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development was instituted (in 1986) in the name of former Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi. It celebrates the values that she stood and fought for in the service of our nation and its people.

- The award is conferred upon the person or an organisation irrespective of race, religion, nationality or other aspects. It consists of award worth 2.5 million Rupees as well as trophy along with citation.
- The Indira Gandhi Award is constituted by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.
- **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**, the Liberian President was conferred with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year **2012**.

National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement

Krishna Tirath, the union Minister for Women and Child Development on 14 November 2013 gave away the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement to 22 children on Children's Day during the opening ceremony of Vatsalya Mela at Dilli Haat. The awards initiated in 1996 are presented every year to the children between the age group 4-15 years for their exceptional achievements in various fields including academics, art, culture and sports etc. They include a Gold Medal with cash prize of 20000 Rupees and a citation, and 21 Silver Medals with cash prize 10000 Rupees and citations. The Vatsalya Mela is celebrated on the day of Jawahar Lal Nehru's birth anniversary, which also marks the Children's Day. The Gold Medal was presented to Harshal Shahi from Delhi for his exceptional achievement in the field of chess.

Out of 21 Silver Medal winners, 10 are girls.

The names are:

1. S. Harshitha Reddy from Andhra Pradesh for her exceptional achievement in the field of mathematics.
2. Dhanraj Sahariah from Assam for his exceptional achievement in the various fields like martial arts, dance, music, swimming and theatre.
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4. Anjali Yadav from Chattisgarh for her exceptional achievement in the various fields like yoga, taekwondo, painting and dancing.
5. Hardik Jay Prakash Nayar from Daman & Diu for his exceptional achievement in the field of academics.
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19. R. Ajeetha from Tamil Nadu for her exceptional achievement in the field of yoga.
20. Pranay Fartyal from Uttar Pradesh for his

exceptional achievement in the field of academics.

21. Mitrabha Guha from West Bengal for his exceptional achievement in the field of chess.

GG2 Leadership Awards

Malala Yousafzai, Kainat Riaz and Shazia Ramzan on 27 November 2013 were chosen for the GG2 Hammer Award, for their bravery at the GG2 (Garavi Gujarat 2) Leadership Awards 2013 a London.

The activist Malala Yousafzai won the number one spot in the GG2 Power List 101 for her work in raising awareness for female empowerment. Malala Yousafzai, the teenager from Pakistan, who was shot in the head by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education. She has been named as the Britain's most influential Asian by a weekly publication.

Kainat Riaz and Shazia Ramzan were shot and wounded in Swat Valley last year.

The GG2 Hammer Award winner of 2013 transcends every boundary and appeals to the very core of our humanity. The GG2 Power 101 has been compiled by The Asian Media and Marketing Group (AMG) and features the top 101 most influential Asians in the UK, ranging from all walks of life. Now in its third year, the list honours some notable British Asians who hold power and influence not just in Britain, but also globally.

Others who received the award are:

- Ingrid Loyau-Kennett was handed the GG2 Spirit in the Community Award for her courage and bravery in the face of the Woolwich attackers
- Simon Woolley, the founding member and director of Operation Black Vote was given the GG2 Pride of Britain Award
- Physicist Professor Tejinder Virdee, who has previously worked on the investigation of the Higgs Boson particle, was honoured with the GG2 Man of the Year Award
- Christine Lee received the award for Woman of the Year for her success in establishing and managing the largest British Chinese law firm in the UK

Other Asians who were ranked in the list:

- Nick Clegg, British Deputy Premier, who was the chief guest on the occasion, was ranked first in the latest edition of GG2 Power 101 list.
- Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee MP Keith Vaz, who headed the power list last year, has been ranked as Number 2.
- The steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal was ranked at Number 3.
- The Hinduja brothers, Srichand, Gopichand, Ashok and Prakash, were ranked at Number four in the Power 101.
- Lord Swraj Paul and his son Angad were ranked at Number 21 on the list.

International Indian of the Decade Award

Lord Swraj Paul, a leading NRI industrialist and educationist was presented with the International Indian of the Decade award on 15 November 2013. Swraj Paul was presented the award for his outstanding achievements in the fields of industry, education and philanthropy. Virender Paul, the acting High Commissioner of India to the UK presented the award to Lord Swraj Paul at the 20th anniversary of the publication of India Link International (a monthly magazine).

About Lord Swraj Paul

- Lord Swraj Paul is the founder of the UK-based steel and engineering multinational company Caparo, which at present employs about 10000 people worldwide from UK, USA and India.
- He was made the Life Peer is a member of the House of Lords in 1996 and donated 1 million pounds to prevent the London Zoo closure in 1994.
- He became the first Indian-born Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords in 2008 and was also appointed to the Privy Council in 2009.
- From 2000 to 2008, he was the member of the London Development Agency. He chaired the London Development Agency Olympics Delivery Committee between 2005 to 2008, which was responsible for delivering the land

and infrastructure for the London 2012 Olympic Games on time and on budget

- In 1999, he became the chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton in 1999. In 2006, he became the Chancellor of the University of Westminster. From 1992 to 1997, he was the pro-chancellor of Thames University and its chancellor in 1998
- In 1983 he was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the Government of India
- In 1998, he was granted the freedom of the city of London
- Universities of UK, USA, Switzerland and India has awarded him 15 honorary degrees
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology gave him the Corporate Leadership Award

New Horizons in Physics Prize 2014

Shiraz Naval Minwalla, Professor of Physics in TIFR, Mumbai selected for the 2014 New Horizons in Physics Prize on 5 November 2013. He was awarded "*for his pioneering contributions to the study of string theory and quantum field theory; and in particular his work on the connection between the equations of fluid dynamics and Albert Einstein's equations of general relativity*". The New Horizons for Physics Prize awarded to promising junior researchers by Fundamental Physics Prize Foundation. The award carries prize money of 100000 US Dollars.

The other laureates of 2014 New Horizons in Physics Prize are:

Freddy Cachazo, Perimeter Institute, for uncovering numerous structures underlying scattering amplitudes in gauge theories and gravity.

Vyacheslav Rychkov, CERN/Pierre-and-Marie-Curie University/École Normale Supérieure, for developing new techniques in conformal field theory, reviving the conformal bootstrap program for constraining the spectrum of operators and the structure constants in 3D and 4D CFT's.

About Fundamental Physics Prize Foundation

The Fundamental Physics Prize Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation established by the **Milner Foundation, Russia in 2012** and

dedicated to advancing our knowledge of the Universe at the deepest level by awarding annual prizes for scientific breakthroughs, as well as communicating the excitement of fundamental physics to the public. Two categories of prizes will be awarded for past achievements in the field of fundamental physics, with the aim of providing the recipients with more freedom and opportunity to pursue even greater future accomplishments. The **Fundamental Physics Prize** recognizes transformative advances in the field, while the **New Horizons in Physics Prizes** are targeted at promising junior researchers.

Golden Elephant Award in ICFF

The 18th International Children's Film Festival concluded on 20 November 2013 in Hyderabad. A Dutch Film named *Kauwboy*, directed by Boudewijn Koole won the Golden Elephant Award for best film in the 'International Live Action' category. The film is about a 10 year old boy and a bird. The Golden Plaque for second-best film in the same section was won by a German film *Das Pferd Auf Dem Balkon* or *A horse on the Balcony*.

The Jury Prize for the best artwork was won by a Hindi film *Goopi Gawaiya Bagha Bajaiya* directed by Shilpa Ranade. Ernest Et Celestine won the award for the Best Animation Feature and *Zarafa* won the Golden Plaque for the second best animation film in the International Animation Competition section that has been added in 2013. During the film festival, *Batul Mukthiar* received the best director award for his film *Kaphal* in the International Live Action. The best screenplay award went to *Nono-The Zigzag Kid*. The Golden Elephant trophy for Best Little Director category was given to an Indian film *Breaking Silence* and *Tamator Chor*. The Golden Plaque for the second best Little Director went to *Phoolwati Amma* and *Mondial World School*. The film festival was organised by the Children's Film Festival India (CFSI), which is an autonomous body under the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Andhra Pradesh Government. The Festival started on 14 November 2013.

IAAC honour

Salman Rushdie, Mira Nair and Manjula Bansal, the prominent Indian Americans on 21 November 2013 were honoured by Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC) at the Angel Orensanz Foundation of Contemporary Art. The author, Salman Rushdie and filmmaker, Mira Nair were honoured for their commitment and contributions to the global artistic community. Whereas, Manjula Bansal, a renowned Indian-American pathologist was honoured for her contribution to Indian performing, visual and literary arts to New York City's diverse cultural scene.

Indo-American Arts Council

The Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC) is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit, secular service and resource arts organization charged with the mission of promoting and building the awareness, creation, production, exhibition, publication and performance of Indian and cross-cultural art forms in North America. The IAAC supports all the artistic disciplines in classical, fusion, folk and innovative forms influenced by the arts of India.

First Centenary film award at IFFI

Waheeda Rehman, the veteran actress of Bollywood will be conferred with the inaugural Centenary Award for the Indian Film Personality of the Year 2013 at the 44th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa on 20 November 2013. The award will be given to her in recognition of her contributions to the film industry. She has been selected unanimously by the team of five member jury. The award has been instituted by the Government of India to mark the 100 years of Indian Cinema. It includes a prize amount of 10 lakh rupees and a citation.

Nehru Fellowship

Professor Mushirul Hasan, the former Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia on 14 November 2013 was conferred with the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund.

The title of the Hasan's fellowship project is Roads to Freedom – Prison, Prisoners and the Raj.

The project of professor Hasan will see how the jails were used during the time of Raj to bring down the body and soul of those resting or revolting against the British.

About Professor Mushirul Hasan

- He is an internationally known historian and has written extensively on the partition.
- He did his MA from Aligarh Muslim University and the PhD from Cambridge in 1977.
- He was awarded Padma Shri and the Ordre des Palmes Academiques by the French Government in 2010.
- He was also the Director-General of the National Archives from May 2010 to May 2013.

Dayawati Modi Award

Anjolie Ela Menon, a contemporary artist was awarded with Dayawati Modi Award for Art and Culture and Education by Dayawati Foundation on 19 November 2013. The award comprised of a cash price of 2.51 lakh rupees, a silver shield and a scroll of honour. It was presented to her by the Minister of state for Prime Minister Office, Department of personnel and Training, Government of India.

About Anjolie Ela Menon

- Anjolie Ela Menon was born in 1940 in India
- She is one the leading contemporary female artist and well known muralist
- She held a solo exhibition with fifty-three variety style at age of 18
- She was awarded Padma Shree in 2000
- Most recently a major work yatra was acquired by the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, California.

Infosys Prize 2013

The Infosys Science Foundation on 12 November 2013 announced the winners of the Infosys Prize 2013 across six categories: Engineering & Computer Science, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences. The winners were recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions to scientific research. The Infosys Science Foundation also announced an increase in

the prize purse by 5 Lakhs to 55 Lakhs rupees for each category for 2013. The prize for the Humanities category will be split equally between the two winners. The seven winners were chosen based on significant progress showcased in their chosen spheres, as well as for the impact their research will have on the specific field. In addition to the prize purse, each category award includes a gold medallion and a citation certificate.

The distinguished winners of the **5th Infosys Prize 2013** are:

1. Engineering and Computer Science
Prof. Ramgopal Rao, Institute Chair Professor – Department of Electrical Engineering and Chief Investigator, Centre of Excellence in Nanoelectronics, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai
2. Humanities
 - **Archaeology**
Prof. Nayanjot Lahiri, Professor – Department of History, University of Delhi, New Delhi
 - **Linguistics**
Prof. Ayesha Kidwai, Professor – Centre for Linguistics, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
3. Life Sciences
Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Director, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi
4. Mathematical Sciences
Prof. Rahul Pandharipande, Professor – Department of Mathematics, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zürich (ETH Zurich)
5. Physical Sciences
Prof. Shiraz Naval Minwalla, Professor – Department of Theoretical Physics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai and Member, School of Natural Sciences, Institute for Advanced Studies, New Jersey, USA
6. Social Sciences
Prof. Aninhalli R. Vasavi, Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi

About the Infosys Science Foundation

The Infosys Prize is awarded under the aegis of the Infosys Science Foundation, a not-for-profit trust set up in February 2009 by the management of the Infosys company. The Infosys Science Foundation is funded by a corpus which today stands at over 100 Crore Rupees contributed by the trustees and Infosys.

United Nation Award

Martha Dodray, a health worker from Bihar on 6 November 2013 won the global UN Award for her commitment and dedication to eradicate Polio in India. United Nation has conferred the UN Frontline Workers Global Leadership Award to Martha Dodray. The award was given in recognition of the roles to individuals, organizations, and corporations played in supporting the work of the United Nations' to advance global peace, justice, and prosperity. The United Nations Foundation and the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) honored recipients of the 2013 Global Leadership Awards at the annual Global Leadership Dinner in New York City.

About Martha Dodray

- Martha Dodray is an Auxiliary Nurse & Midwife (ANM) from Darbhanga district of Bihar
- She represented the worldwide polio frontline workers. Her contribution cause was recognized by United Nations Foundation in 2013 and awarded

The other honorees recognized were

- Malala Yousafzai, honored for her role as a global activist on behalf of educating and empowering girls worldwide
- The Documentary Group and 10x10 for Girl Rising, honored for its efforts to ensure all girls receive an education
- GE Africa honored for its commitment to the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's Every Women Every Child initiative and for building partnerships across Africa to advance country-owned solutions, innovation and

development in health care

- Ambassador Samantha Power, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, was presented the Leo Nevas Human Rights Award for her enduring commitment to the global advancement of human rights and a strong U.S.-UN relationship
- Senator Timothy E. Wirth, former UN Foundation President, and current Board Vice Chair, recipient of the Champion for Global Change, was honored for his leadership in advancing women's rights, sustainable development, and climate security throughout his career, including his 15-year legacy as President of the UN Foundation

About the United Nations Foundation

The United Nations Foundation builds public-private partnerships to address the world's most pressing problems and broadens support for the United Nations through advocacy and public outreach.

Through innovative campaigns and initiatives, the Foundation connects people, ideas, and resources to help the UN solve global problems. The Foundation was created in 1998 as a U.S. public charity by entrepreneur and philanthropist Ted Turner and now is supported by global corporations, foundations, governments, and individuals.

About UNA-USA

The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) is a membership organization dedicated to informing, inspiring, and mobilizing the American people to support the ideals and vital work of the United Nations.

For 70 years, UNA-USA has worked to accomplish its mission through its national network of Chapters, youth engagement, advocacy efforts, education programs, and public events. UNA-USA is a program of the United Nations Foundation. UNA-USA and its sister organization the Better World Campaign represent the single largest network of advocates and supporters of the United Nations in the world.

Engineering

Excellence Award 2013

Engineering Excellence Award 2013 was conferred on the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL), a Public Sector Unit under the Ministry of Finance, and Government of India on 19 November 2013. The award was given by Engineering Watch at SCOPE Convention Centre in Delhi. The second Best Engineering Marvel for Project Innovativeness was conferred on Modernisation of Ink Factory Project at Bank Note Press, Dewas. Indigenisation of Bank Note Paper production at Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad and Modernisation of Bank Note Press, Dewas have been awarded under the Special Mention Category.

Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited

Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) was formed after corporatization of nine units including four mints, four presses and one paper mill, which were earlier functioning under the Ministry of Finance.

The Company was incorporated on 13 January 2006 under the Companies Act, 1956 with its headquarters at New Delhi. SPMCIL is a Miniratna Category-I CPSE, and wholly owned Schedule 'A' Company of Government of India. It is engaged in the manufacture of security paper, minting of coins, printing of currency and bank notes, non-judicial stamp papers, postage stamps, travel documents and others.

Asian Trader Editor's Award

Priti Patel, an Indian Origin British MP on 22 November 2013 has been honoured with the prestigious Asian Trader Editor's Award. She was awarded for her tireless campaigning to support small shops and convenience stores. She was awarded at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge Hotel in a ceremony held. Priti has supported the sector by campaigning for tougher punishments for offenders, who commit retail crime, reforms to business rates and cuts to red tape. She has also warned the Government of the impact on small



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Indira Gandhi NSS

Best University Award 2012-13

President of India Pranab Mukherjee on 19 November 2013 presented Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme Best University Award 2012-13 to Mangalore University of Karnataka. Mangalore University is fourth in the row of universities winning Indira Gandhi NSS Award in Karnataka. Prior to this university, RGUHS, Bangalore University, and UAS Dharwad had received this award. The award comprises a memento and a citation along with a cash prize of 2 lakh Rupees.

President of India also gave NSS Best Plus 2 Council Award for 2012-13 to **Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Thiruvananthapuram** while Upcoming University Award was presented to **Kumaun University, Nainital**. The awards are given to educational institutions, faculty and students for their contribution in various beneficial and voluntary activities. The awards were presented on the occasion of National Integration Day (19 November 2013) at a function in Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. National Integration Day is the Birth anniversary of the first woman Prime Minister of the India, Indira Gandhi.

Outstanding American by Choice Award

Rahul Jindal, a doctor of Indian origin was selected on 9 November 2013 for the prestigious Outstanding American by Choice award. He was awarded for his contribution to US health sector.

He will be honoured by the US citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on 13 November 2013. Rahul is a transplant surgeon and philanthropist.

Man Booker Prize 2013

Eleanor Catton, 28, New Zealand author won the Man Booker prize 2013 for her second novel entitled *The Luminaries*, published by Granta, on 15 October 2013. The prize was given at London's

Guildhall by The Duchess of Cornwall. Eleanor Catton was given a trophy, and Emmanuel Roman along with 50000 Pound. It is very important to note that she is the last winner of the Man Booker Prize which is presently confined to the writers from the Commonwealth nations, Zimbabwe, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The Commonwealth of Nations (or just Commonwealth Nations) is actually an intergovernmental organisation of 53 member states which were mostly the territories of the British Empire. From 2014, the Man Booker Prize will be opened for the writers from all over the world, provided that the book is in English language. Eleanor Catton is the youngest novelist to win this literary prize.

Apart from this, she has also set the record of the longest winning novel- *The Luminaries* which is of 852 pages.

About Eleanor Catton

- Eleanor Catton is the New Zealand author who was born in the year 1985.
- She went to the Burnside High School and studied English at the University of Canterbury. She completed her Master's in Creative Writing at The Institute of Modern Letters, Victoria University of Wellington.
- In the year 2008, she was awarded the fellowship to the Iowa Writers' Workshop.
- In the year 2009, she was described as the 2009 golden girl of fiction.
- In the year, 2011, she was the Ursula Bethell Writer in Residence at the University of Canterbury.
- Her debut novel was *The Rehearsal*, in the year 2008. It was written as a part of her Master's thesis.
- Her second novel entitled *The Luminaries* was published in the year 2013, for which she also won the Man Booker Prize 2013.
- Her first book *The Rehearsal* (2008) was shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award as well as for the Dylan Thomas Prize. It was also longlisted for the Orange Prize.

Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur

Anjali Gopalan on 25 October 2013 was

awarded with French highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. She was awarded for her work on transgenders and HIV positive patients. She was awarded at a function, by Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, the French Cabinet Minister for Women's Right.

Nobel Prize 2013 Announced: List of Winners

The Nobel Prize winners of 2013 in the different categories were announced in the month of October 2013. Nobel Prizes are announced by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences every year in the memory of Alfred Nobel. The categories were the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, the Nobel Prize in Physics, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences, The Nobel Literature Prize and The Nobel Peace Prize.

Nobel Prize 2013 for Literature

Alice Munro won the Nobel Prize on 10 October 2013 for literature. She was the first Canadian woman to take the Nobel Prize since its launch in 1901.

About Alice Munro

- Alice Munro was born on the 10 July 1931 in Wingham, the Canadian province of Ontario.
- She started writing stories in her teens, but published her first book-length work in 1968, the story collection entitled Dance of the Happy Shades.
- Her works include Who Do You Think You Are? (1978), The Moons of Jupiter (1982), Runaway (2004), The View from Castle Rock (2006) and Too Much Happiness (2009).
- The collection Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage (2001) became the basis of the film Away from Her from 2006, directed by Sarah Polley.
- Her most recent collection is Dear Life (2012).
- She won the Man International Booker Prize in 2009 for a body of work.
- She won the Giller Prize twice, for The Love of a Good Woman in 1998 and Runaway in 2004.
- She is a three-time winner of the Governor General's Literary Award, for Dance of the

Happy Shades, Who Do You Think You Are and The Progress of Love (1986).

- She was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 2013 for her work as master of the modern short story.

For Economics

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2013 was awarded jointly to Eugene F. Fama, Lars Peter Hansen and Robert J. Shiller for their empirical analysis of asset prices.

About Eugene Fama

- Eugene F. Fama is widely recognized as the father of modern finance.
- Eugene F. Fama's financial research is well known in both the economics and investment community.
- He is strongly identified with research on markets, particularly with regard to the efficient market hypothesis.
- He has brought an empirical and scientific rigor to the field of investment management, transforming the way finance is viewed and conducted.
- He is a prolific author and researcher, having written two books and published more than 100 articles in academic journals.
- He focuses much of his study on the relation between risk and return and implications for portfolio management.
- He has received numerous awards and honors.
- He was the 2007 recipient of the Fred Arditti Innovation Award given by the CME Center for Innovation.
- He was the first recipient of three major prizes for research in Finance
 - a) The Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics, 2005
 - b) The Morgan Stanley American Finance Association Award for Excellence in Finance, 2007.
 - c) The Onassis Prize in Finance, 2009.

For Physics

Peter Higgs, United Kingdom and Francois

Englert, Belgium jointly awarded Nobel Prize for Physics 2013 on 8 October 2013.

Why Peter Higgs got Noble Prize?

For his contribution of the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider.

About Peter Ware Higgs

- Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Senior Student– King's College London 1953-1954 and University of Edinburgh 1954-1955
- Senior Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh 1955-1956
- ICI Research Fellow, University of London–University College 1956-1957 and Imperial College 1957-December 1958.
- Temporary Lectureship in Mathematics, University College Jan 1959-1960.
- Lecturer in Mathematical Physics, University of Edinburgh 1960-1970.
- Reader in Mathematical Physics, University of Edinburgh 1970-1980
- Professor of Theoretical Physics, University of Edinburgh 1980-1996
- He worked as Professor Emeritus, University of Edinburgh.

Prizes

- Hughes Medal, Royal Society (with T W B Kibble) 1981
- Rutherford Medal, Institute of Physics (with T W B Kibble) 1984
- Scottish Science Award, Saltire Society and Royal Bank of Scotland 1990
- James Scott Prize Lectureship, Royal Society of Edinburgh (delivered April 1995) 1993
- Paul Dirac Medal and Prize, Institute of Physics 1997
- High Energy and Particle Physics Prize, European Physical Society (with R Brout, F Englert) 1997
- Royal Medal, Royal Society of Edinburgh 2000
- Wolf Prize in Physics (with R Brout and F

Englert) 2004

- Oskar Klein Memorial Lecture and Medal, Stockholm Academy of Sciences 2009
- J J Sakurai Prize, American Physical Society (with R Brout, F Englert, G S Guralnik, C R Hagen and T W B Kibble) 2010
- Higgs Medal, Royal Society of Edinburgh 2012
- Nonino Prize 'Man of Our Time' Prize 2013
- Edinburgh Medal of the Edinburgh International Science Festival (with CERN) 2013
- Prince of Asturias Award for Technical and Scientific Research I (with F Englert and CERN) 2013
- He received Noble Prize in 2013 for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles.

OPCW won 2013 Nobel Peace Prize

The **Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)** on 11 October 2013 won the Nobel Peace Prize for the year 2013 for its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons. The award was announced by Nobel Committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland in Oslo, the capital city of Norway.

About the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

- The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is an independent, international body set up in 1997 to implement the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- The organisation is presently involved in destroying Syria's stockpiles of chemical weapons - the first time the OPCW has worked in a war zone.
- It carries out inspections of destruction procedures, as well as evaluating members' own declarations, in order to verify that the convention is being adhered to.
- It is based in The Hague, Netherland and has 189 member states, covering around 98 per cent of the world's population. These member nations have agreed to work together to

create a world free from chemical weapons.

- The OPCW employs around 500 people and has a budget of 75m Euros (102m Dollars, 63m Pounds) in 2010.
- It is an autonomous organisation with a working relationship with the United Nations.
- Ahmet Uzumcu is the Present Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to 125 Nobel Laureates since 1901. The 1.25 million Dollar prize will be presented to OPCW at Oslo on 10 December 2013. The Nobel Peace Prize **2012** was awarded to **European Union (EU)** "for over six decades contributed to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe". The Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded 94 times to 125 Nobel Laureates between 1901 and 2013, 100 individuals and 25 organizations.

Facts about Noble Peace Prize

- 94 Nobel Peace Prizes have been awarded 1901-2013.
- 2 Peace Prizes have been divided between three persons.
- 15 women have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize so far.
- 62 is the average age of the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates the year they were awarded the prize.
- 1 Peace Prize Laureate, Le Duc Tho, has declined the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 3 Peace Prize Laureates have been under arrest at the time of the award: German pacifist and journalist Carl von Ossietzky, Burmese politician Aung San Suu Kyi and Chinese human rights activist Liu Xiaobo.

Nobel Prize 2013 in literature

Alice Munro won Nobel Prize 2013 in literature and became the first Canadian woman to take the Nobel Prize since its launch in 1901. **The Swedish Academy** which selects Nobel literature winners described her as **the master of the contemporary short story**. Alice Munro, 82, is 13th women who got Noble Prize.

Life Sketch of Alice Munro

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For Medicine

James Rothman and Randy Schekman of US as well as German-born Thomas Suedhof won the 2013 Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology on 7 October 2013. They were awarded for their groundbreaking work on how the cell organises its transport system. James Rothman, Randy Schekman and Thomas Suedhof work at the US universities. The three of them discovered the complex transport system in the human body which makes the delivery of the life-saving proteins and molecules at right place and right time. James Rothman, Randy Schekman and Thomas Suedhof work at the Yale University, University of California and Stanford University respectively. It is important to note that disturbances in complex transport system of the human body can have poisonous effects and can also contribute towards the conditions like immunological disorders, neurological diseases

and diabetes. The Nobel Committee announced that the three of them were honoured for their discoveries of machinery regulating vesicle traffic, a major transport system in our cells. The value of each prize is 1.2 million US Dollar.

Individual Contribution

- In their discovery, Schekman discovered a set of genes which are needed for vesicle traffic.
- Rothman discovered the protein machinery which enables the vesicles to fuse with their targets in order to allow the transfer of cargo.
- Sudhof, in the meanwhile, revealed how the signals instruct the vesicles to release cargo with accuracy.

Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice 2013

Former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen on 27 October 2013 conferred with the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award by NGO The Harmony Foundation for her efforts towards achieving social justice in Mumbai. Bollywood actress Sushmita Sen, who is associated with charitable projects and NGOs, received the award for her efforts towards achieving social justice and her contribution to society. Along with Sushmita Sen, seven individuals and an association, India Rescue Mission, were also awarded the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice 2013 for their contributions in the field of human rights and community development.

2013 Awardees list

1. **Sushmita Sen:** Social Activist and Bollywood actress
2. **Sindhutai Sapkal:** Mother of Orphans
3. **Diep Saeeda:** Lahore-based human rights activist
4. **Sam Childers:** rescuer of young boys and girls from Sudan
5. **Cedric Prakash:** Social Activist
6. **Dr Sudarshan Hanumappa:** Tribal rights' activist
7. **Arunachalam Muruga-nantham:** Social Activist
8. **Maulana Mehmood Madani:** Social activist

9. India Rescue Mission: An association for human rights

Mark Twain Prize

The US comedian Carol Burnett was on 20 October 2013 honoured with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. Three artists- Dame Julie Andrews, Tony Bennett and Tina Fey performed specifically in the honour of Carol Burnett at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. The variety shows of **Carol Burnett** started in 1960s. These shows ran continuously for 11 years and fetched around 30 million viewers in a week. Carol Burnett received her first break for the Ed Sullivan Show. Thereafter, she also acted on Broadway and appeared on The Garry Moore Show. She also sung for 10 years with CBS. In the year 1967, she launched the Carol Burnett Show along with the guest stars such as Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Stewart and Lucille Ball. The show won 22 Emmy Awards. Carol Burnett was most prominently known for the Tarzan yell.

Guru Debaprasad Award

Renowned Bharatnatyam exponent Geeta Chandran was on 29 October 2013 honoured with the prestigious Guru Debaprasad Award for outstanding contribution in the field of dance. The award was presented to Geeta Chandran and three others by Odisha Governor S C Jamir in Bhubaneswar. The others Awardees are

- Dr. Anita Ratnam (Contemporary Dance)
- Guru Shashadhar Acharya (Chhau Dance)
- Guru Sudhakar Sahu (Odissi)

Guru Debaprasad Award is an annual award, instituted in memory of eminent Odissi exponent Guru Debaprasad Das. The award was constituted by Tridhara dance institute in the year 2007.

Vayoshreshtha Samman, 2013

The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee presented the First National Award for Senior Citizens - Vayoshreshtha Samman, 2013 on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons at a function in New Delhi on 1 October 2013. The First National Award For Senior Citizens - Vayoshreshtha Samman, 2013 were given in the following categories:

- National Award for Best Institution for providing services to senior citizens and Awareness Generation
- National Award for Best State in implementing the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPS) Act, 2007, & providing services and facilities to senior citizens
- National Award for Centenarian Senior Citizen
- National Award for Iconic Mother
- National Award for Lifetime Achievement
- National Award for Creative Art
- National Award for Sports & Adventure Award (Male)
- National Award for Sports and Adventure (Female)
- The grant-in-aid scheme called the Integrated Programme for Older Persons extends grants to NGOs for supporting old age homes, day care centres and mobile medi-care units.
- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launched the Project 'NICE' (National Initiative on Care for Elderly). This is implemented through National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), an autonomous body of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in 2000.
- National programme for Health care of Elderly (NPHCE) has been formulated and implemented in the country through the ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The major objectives of the NPHCE include provision of dedicated health care facilities for elderly at various levels of State healthcare delivery system.

Steps taken for senior citizens by the Government of India

- In context with the senior citizens of India, The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 was enacted.
- Apart from this, Model Rules were also brought out by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment explained that ageing posed two main challenges- the need to ensure care and protection of the elderly so that they live a healthy, dignified and productive life and secondly, the older people must be looked at as partners in progress rather than a burden on society.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP) in 1999 to ensure active and productive ageing by evolving a framework of providing financial, medical, social and emotional support.
- Another policy called National Policy for Senior Citizens 2011 was also introduced.
- The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 essentially aims at creating an enabling mechanism to make the claim for maintenance simpler, speedier and affordable.

Soul of India Award

Tennis player- turned film producer Ashok Amritraj was on 29 October 2013 presented with the '**Soul of India Award**' for his outstanding achievements in the film industry. NRI industrialist Dr Rami Ranger presented the award to the Ashok Amritraj at the Indian Journalists Association's meet held at the Bombay Palace in London. Mrs Paul, wife of Dr Virendra Paul, formally launched Amritraj's book '**Advantage Hollywood**' on the occasion.

Kareena Kapoor honoured in the House of Commons

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor on 29 October 2013 was honoured in the House of Commons, London for her contribution to the global entertainment industry.

The 33-year old actress was presented a framed golden coloured plaque by NRI MP Keith Vaz, Chairman of Britain's Home Affairs Committee. Kareena was also honoured by the Asian Sunday Newspaper. Besides Kareena, singer Kimberley Walsh and magician Dynamo (Aka Steven Frayne) were honoured by the Asian Sunday Newspaper for their contributions to the global entertainment-industry.



Kareena has several blockbuster films to her credit which includes Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham, Omkara, Jab We Met, 3 Idiots, Golmaal 3 and Bodyguard. Kareena is the only Bollywood artist to be honoured at British Parliament after Amitabh Bachchan and she is the first Bollywood actress to be honoured by UK Parliament.

Sakharov Prize

Aung Suu Kyi on 23 October 2013 received the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought at Strasbourg, France. She was chosen by the European Parliament in 1990. The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought announced by the European Parliament in 1990 when she was under house arrest.

First National Yash Chopra Memorial Award

Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar was presented the first national Yash Chopra Memorial Award at a star studded function in Mumbai on 19 October 2013 by the Ministry for Information and Broadcasting. The award is a tribute to the legendary filmmaker Yash Chopra on the eve of his first death anniversary. The award carries a cheque of 1 million rupees and a citation. Yash Chopra the memorial award will be given annually to people in recognition of their outstanding contribution in the field of art and culture. The Yash Chopra Memorial Award has been instituted by the TSR Foundation of T. Subbarami Reddy. Yash Chopra was a victim of dengue in Mumbai on 21 October 2012.

Lata Mangeshkar was conferred several national and international honours, including Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, three national film awards and the One Time Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2008 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of India's Independence. Lata, had started her singing career in 1942. She has continued singing for over seven decades, which includes over a thousand Hindi movies. Moreover, She has given her voice in 36 Indian and foreign languages.

IPI-India Award for Excellence in Journalism 2013

Karan Thapar, television journalist chosen for

the International Press Institute (IPI) – India award for excellence in journalism 2013 on 8 October 2013 for his interviews on the Devil's Advocate programme on CNN IBN.

He was selected by a distinguished jury of editors and publishers headed by the former Chief Justice of India, A. S. Anand. The members of the jury included IPI-India Chairman and The Hindu Editor N Ravi, PTI Editor-in-Chief M K Razdan, Business Standard Chairman and Chief Editor T N Ninan and Malyala Manorama Senior Assistant Editor Riyad Mathew. Previous winners of the International Press Institute award include The Indian Express, NDTV, Outlook, Tehelka, Tribune and The Week.

Inaugural Genesis Prize

The Government of Israel on 21 October 2013 selected New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg as the first ever recipient of the 1 million Dollar Genesis Prize- an award popularly dubbed the Jewish Nobel Prize.

The Genesis Prize Foundation stated Bloomberg was honoured as the first winner for his long record of public service and philanthropy. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will present the prize to Bloomberg in May 2014 in Israel.

About Genesis Prize

The Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Genesis Philanthropy Group launched the annual international Genesis Prize.

The Genesis Prize is awarded to individuals who have achieved international recognition in their professional field, the worlds of science and the arts. The objective of the Genesis Prize is to emphasize across the Jewish community and the world at large the importance of Jewish values to the fulfillment of human potential and to the betterment of the world.

This, in turn, is intended to strengthen the Jewish identity of the millions of young Jews across the world, who are rapidly assimilating and losing connection to the Jewish people and their rich heritage.

Each year, the Genesis Prize Laureate will be awarded 1million Dollars. Funded by Genesis Philanthropy Group, the Prize will be presented annually by the Prime Minister of Israel at a ceremony in Jerusalem.

Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for the Year 2012

Eminent agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan on 10 October 2013 selected for the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for the year 2012.

About MS Swaminathan

- MS Swaminathan (Born 7 August 1925) is an Indian geneticist and former member of Rajya Sabha.
- MS Swaminathan contributed to the agricultural renaissance in the country and led the nation to achieve green revolution.
- MS Swaminathan has served as Director of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi (1966-72).
- He served as Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (1972-79).

About Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration

The Indian national congress (i), in its centenary year 1985, instituted an Indira Gandhi award for national integration to give recognition to outstanding contribution to this cause by distinguished individuals or institutions.

The award carries a citation and cash award of 5 lakh rupees. Previous recipients of the Award are Aruna Asaf Ali, P N Haksar, M S Subbulakshmi, A P J Abdul Kalam and Shankar Dayal Sharma and Rajiv Gandhi (posthumously).

UN Award for 'Open Curriculum' Web Platform

Varun Arora, a young innovator from India on 10 October 2013 selected for United Nations **10 Young Innovators Competition 2013**. Varun Arora is among 10 people from around the world selected for a prestigious United Nations award in

recognition of their work as entrepreneurs and use of technology to change the world.

Varun Arora awarded for his creation **Open Curriculum**, an online platform for local educational material for standard, primary and secondary schooling.

The recipients of the 10 Young Innovators Competition organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom come from a wide range of countries and have worked on diverse issues such as marine protection, reduction of food waste and immigration.

The UN competition is open to young social entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 26 and seeks innovative digital solutions in the form of start-ups or initial concepts meeting global developmental challenges.

Moortidevi Award for 2012

Haraprasad Das was conferred the Moortidevi Award for 2012 for Vamsha. Vamsha is a poetic recreation of the Mahabharata in contemporary idiom, which has been recognised as a post-modern masterpiece. Das has done eleven works of poetry, four of prose, three translations and one piece of fiction. He was given the award at Shastri Bhavan by the Moortidevi Award Selection Board, chaired by oil minister Veerappa Moily.

Moortidevi Award

Moortidevi award is presented by the Bhartiya Jnanpith organization is presented by the Bhartiya Jnanpith Organisation. It carries cash prize, a plaque, a statue of goddess of learning Saraswati and a shawl. This is the second Moortidevi award given for Odia literature. In 1991, Dr Pratibha Ray received the award for her novel Yagnaseni.

Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development was instituted in the name of former Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi. It celebrates the values that she stood and fought for in the service of our nation and its people. The award is conferred upon the person or an organisation irrespective of race, religion,

nationality or other aspects. It consists of award worth 2.5 million Rupees as well as trophy along with citation. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the Liberian President on 12 September 2013 was conferred with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2012 by the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee at a function organised in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Sirleaf aged 74 was conferred with the award for being an inspiration to women and ensuring return of peace and democracy in her country, Liberia. The award was conferred on Sirleaf during her four day visit to India, from 9-12 September 2013. Ela Ramesh Bhatt, a renowned Women social worker was the winner of the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development Award 2011 and in the year 2010 it was given to Lula de Silva.

About Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is the first democratically elected women head of Liberia (an African nation) and this is her second term in the office of President in Liberia.
- She is the 24th President of Liberia
- She served as the Finance Minister under President William Tolbert from 1979 and her tenure ended as the finance minister in 1980 after the coup
- She won the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for securing peace in Liberia and promoting economic and social development, and to strengthening the position of women. She received the Nobel Prize jointly with Leymah Gbowee of Liberia and Tawakel Karman of Yemen.

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Best Director Award at Norway Bollywood Film Festival

Tigmanshu Dhulia won the best director award for Paan Singh Tomar movie at the 11th Norway Bollywood Film Festival at Loeskog cinema center in Oslo on 17 September 2013. While filmmaker Rahul Mittra bagged the Best Producer award for his Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster Returns, Jimmy Sheirgill got the best actor award for the same film.

About Norway Bollywood Film Festival

Norway Bollywood Film Festival aimed to create cultural understanding within people living in Norway, and help to increase the cultural exchange in Norway. The film festival inaugurated in 2003. Each year the Bollywood Film festival is held at Oslo, Norway and features a rich mix of film programs designed to build and support the growing interest in the Indian entertainment industry. This includes programming that cultivates an audience for Hindi films while supporting the cause of promoting Indian films in the country. The festival is one of the biggest film festivals in Scandinavia, attracting hundreds of Indians, Pakistanis and Norwegians each year, apart from top names from Bollywood.

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards 2013

Eight eminent scientists on 26 September 2013 selected for Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for the year 2013. The awards were announced during the 71st Foundation day of CSIR on 26 September 2013 in New Delhi. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award is country's top most award for excellence in Science and Technology.

The winners are:-

Biological Science

Dr Sathees Chukkurumbal Raghavan
(Department of Biochemistry)-Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore

Chemical Sciences

Dr Yamuna Krishnan (National Centre for

Biological Sciences)-(TIFR) UAS-GKVK, Bangalore

Engineering Sciences

Dr Bikramjit Basu {Materials Research Centre-Indian Institute of Science (IISc)}, Bangalore **Dr Suman Chakraborty**{Department of Mechanical Engineering-Indian Institute of Technology (IITKgp)}, Kharagpur

Mathematical Sciences

Dr Eknath Prabhakar Ghate{School of Mathematical Sciences-Tata Institute of Fundamental Research}, Mumbai

Medical Sciences

Dr Pushkar Sharma {National Institute of Immunology (NII)}, New Delhi

Physical Sciences

Dr Amol Dighe {Department of Theoretical Physics-Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai

Dr Vijay Balakrishna Shenoy{Department of Physics-Indian Institute of Science (IISc)}, Bangalore

The Shanti SwarupBhatnagar Award is the most coveted national recognition for young scientists and engineers for their R&D work done in India.

The Award was instituted in 1957 in the honour of late Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, an eminent scientist, founder Director and principal architect of CSIR. The award carries a cash component of five lakh rupees. It is given annually to young scientists below the age of 45 who have made outstanding contributions in any field of science and technology.

National Communal Harmony Award

The President of India Pranab Mukherjee on 20 September 2013 presented the National Communal Harmony Award for the year 2011 and 2012.

National Communal Harmony Award for 2011:

Odisha's MD Janab Haji Abdul Bari and Mizoram's Khamliana jointly awarded for the year 2011 individual category. Both are social activists.

The Jury has not found any organisation suitable for this award for the year 2011.

National Communal Harmony Award for 2012:

The Foundation for Amity and National Solidarity, Delhi awarded for Organisational category. The foundation formed in 1984. The Foundation works for spreading amity and communal harmony

Lowland shortlisted for Man Booker 2013

The Lowland, the book of Jhumpa Lahiri was shortlisted among the six books for the Man Booker Prize 2013. Lowland was published by Bloomsbury. **The other five novels shortlisted for the award include:**

- We Need New Names by NoViolet Bulawayo published by Chatto & Windus
- The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton published by Granta
- The Harvest by Jim Crace published by Picador
- A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki published by Canongate
- The Testament of Mary by Colm Tóibín published by Penguin

The Man Booker Prize

The Man Booker Prize promotes the finest in fiction by rewarding the very best book of the year. The prize, was launched in 1969, aims to promote the finest in fiction by rewarding the best novel of the year written by a citizen of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland. To maintain the consistent excellence of the Man Booker Prize, judges are chosen from a wide range of disciplines, including critics, writers and academics, but also poets, politicians and actors, all with a passion for quality fiction. The winner of the Man Booker Prize receives £50,000 and, like all the shortlisted authors, a cheque for £2,500 and a designer bound copy of their book. Fulfilling one of the objectives of the prize - to encourage the widest possible readership for the best in literary fiction - the winner and the shortlisted authors now enjoy a dramatic increase in book sales worldwide.



National Sports Awards conferred

The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee on 31 August 2013 conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Dronacharya Awards, Arjuna Awards, Dhyan Chand Awards, Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy and Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar at a function organised at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. Among the awards, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was given to Ronjon Sodhi for shooting.

List of other awards and awardees:

Arjuna Awards

Sl.No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Chekrovolu Swuro	Archery
2.	Kavita Chahal	Boxing
3.	Rupesh Shah	Billiards & Snooker
4.	Virat Kohli	Cricket
5.	Abhijeet Gupta	Chess
6.	Gagan Jeet Bhullar	Golf
7.	Saba Anjum	Hockey
8.	Rajkumari Rathore	Shooting
9.	Joshna Chinnappa	Squash
10.	Mouma Das	Table Tennis
11.	Neha Rathi	Wrestling

12.	Dharmender Dalal	Wrestling
13.	Amit Kumar Saroha	Athletics (Para)

Dronacharya Awards for 2013

Sl.No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Poomima Mahato	Archery
2.	Mahavir Singh	Boxing
3.	Narinder Singh Saini	Hockey
4.	K.P. Thomas	Athletics*
5.	Raj Singh	Wrestling*

* Lifetime contribution in coaching

Dhyan Chand Awards

Sl.No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Mary D'souza Sequeira	Athletics
2.	Syed Ali	Hockey
3.	Anil Mann	Wrestling
4.	Girraj Singh	Para Sports (Athletics)

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards-2012

S. No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Basant Singh Roy	Mountaineering
2.	Major Ranveer Singh Jamwal	Mountaineering
3.	Lt. Cdr. Abhilash Tomy	Sailing
4.	Naib Subedar Paramjeet Singh Siddhu	Hang Gliding
5.	Prem Singh	Mountaineering
6.	Hari Ram	Mountaineering

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

SN.	Category	Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, 2013
1.	Community Sports Identification and Nurturing of Budding Young Talent	Dr. U.K. Mishra, Founder and President, National Sports Academy, Allahabad
2.	Financial Support for Sports Excellence	Services Sports Control Board
3.	Establishment and Management of Sports Academies of Excellence	Pullela Gopichand Academy of Badminton, Hyderabad
4.	Employment of Sportspersons and sports welfare measures.	Petroleum Sports Promotion Board

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy

SN.	Year
1.	Guru Nanak Dev Vishwavidyalay, Amritsar 2010-11
2.	Punjabi Vishwavidyalay, Patiala 2011-12
3.	Punjabi Vishwavidyalay, Patiala 2012-13

P.V. Sindhu, Badminton who was declared a winner of Arjuna Award 2013 was not present at the award ceremony. The nominations received for various categories of awards were considered by the select panels of eminent sportspersons and

sports administrators of impeccable integrity. The Selection Committee for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Awards was headed by Shri Michael Ferreira and other members of the Committee from the sports fraternity were Shri Limba Ram, Shri V. Devarajan, Shri Zafar Iqbal, Ms. Vandana Rao, Ms. Anjali M. Bhagwat, Ms. Indu Puri, Shri Shakti Singh, Shri Ravi Shastri, Shri Kripa Shankar Patel and Shri Surinder Khanna. Similarly, the Committees for other awards too comprised of men and women of eminence in the field of

sports. The different Committees made their recommendations after duly considering all the nominations.

About the Award

National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Apart from a medal and a citation, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee received a cash prize of Rs.7.5 lakh. Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyana Chand Awardees received statuettes, citations and cash prize of Rs.5 lakh each. Recipients of Rashtriya Khel Pratsahan Puruskar were given Trophies.

Allard Prize for International Integrity

The University of British Columbia's Faculty of Law on 25 September 2013 presented Anna Hazare with the inaugural Allard Prize for International Integrity at Vancouver, Canada. The Allard prize is one of the world's largest awards recognizing efforts to combat corruption and to promote human rights.

About Allard Prize

The Allard Prize established in October 2012 by UBC Law alumnus Peter A. Allard, QC and the Allard Prize is awarded to an individual, movement or organization that has shown exceptional courage and leadership in combating corruption, especially through promoting transparency, accountability and the rule of law. The prize money for the award is 100000 US Dollars.

Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and National Safety Awards for the Year 2011

Union Labour and Employment Minister Sis Ram Ola on 18 September 2013 presented the Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puraskar & National Safety Awards for the Performance Year 2011 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. 194 applications for Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puruskar and 187 applications for National Safety Awards were received for the Performance Year 2011. 116 awards were for Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puruskar, and in different categories of National Safety awards there are 63 winners and 35 runners-up awardees.

About the Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and National Safety Awards

- The Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and National Safety Awards scheme was launched in 1965 to motivate the brilliant workers and industrial units who deliver their best to curb mishaps and increase in the industrial (occupational) safety measures and work for the promotion of the interests of both the management.
- The Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP) was earlier known as Shram Vir National Awards. The Vishvakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and National Safety Awards are operated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- These awards were started off in the year 1965.
- These Award schemes are operated by its technical wing, i.e., the Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), Mumbai. DGFASLI renders the advice as well as services to the workers, their representatives as well as managements in the factories.
- VRP is awarded in recognition of outstanding suggestions given by a worker or group of workers and implemented by the management during the previous calendar year resulting in improvement in quality, productivity and working conditions such as safety, health and environmental conservation in the industrial undertakings where Suggestion Schemes are operational.
- The recipients of the award are given cash prize and a certificate of merit in three categories
- VRP is awarded in the form of cash prize and a certificate of merit in three categories: Class 'A' – Five (5) of 75000 Rupees each, Class 'B' – Eight (8) of 50000 Rupees each and Class 'C' – Fifteen (15) of 25000 Rupees each.
- There are 28 puraskars being shared by 116 winners out of a total of 194 applications received from different industries for the Performance Year 2011.
- The NSA is given in recognition of

outstanding safety performance of industrial establishments, construction sites, ports and installations under AERB to stimulate and maintain the interests of both the management and the workers in accident prevention programmes.

- The awards are given under twelve schemes, out of which ten are meant for Factories, Construction sites and Installations under AERB and two are for Ports.
- Under each award, a Shield and a Certificate of Merit is given to each of the Award Winners and Runners-up. The establishments are classified in different schemes on the basis of working of highest man-hours.

Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award 2013

Rafiq Kathwari, an Indian-American poet on 29 September 2013 selected for 2013 Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award for the collection of his debut poems. Rafiq Kathwari is the first non-Irish person to win the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award. Rafiq Kathwari's collection of 20 unpublished poems *In Another Country* was selected for the coveted award amidst 112 contestants from across the world.

About Rafiq Kathwari

- Rafiq Kathwari, a Kashmiri by descent has become the first non-Irish to have won the award and will receive 1000 euros as the prize money.
- He has translated selected Urdu poems of Alama Iqbal, creating his own version. His poems are mostly inspired by loss of innocence in Kashmir and from his mother's long time illness.
- Rafiq Kathwari graduated from the University of Kashmir in 1969 before studying at the New York University and Columbia University.
- Most of his working life has been spent with Ethan Allen, a large manufacturer and retailer of home furnishings based in the United States.
- Many of his works have been in print and online in the US, Ireland and Asia.

About Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award

- The award was founded by the Patrick

Kavanagh Society in 1971 to commemorate the Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh.

- The Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award meant for a first unpublished collection of poems in English is open to poets, born in the island of Ireland, or of Irish nationality, or long term resident in Ireland.
- The award is now in its 41st year. Previous winners include Eileán Ni Chuilleanáin, Paul Durcan, Thomas McCarthy, Peter Surr, Sinead Morrissey, Conor O'Callaghan, Celia de Freine and Joseph Woods.

First Sree Narayan Guru Global Secular & Peace Award 2013

The Vice President of India M. Hamid Ansari presented the First Sree Narayan Guru Global Secular & Peace Award 2013 to Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resources Development, Government of India at a function in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 10 September 2013.

About the Sree Narayan Guru Global Secular & Peace Award

The Sree Narayan Guru Global Secular & Peace Award is named after Sree Narayana Guru. Sree Narayana Guru during his lifetime in the late 19th and early 20th century taught and propagated the message of social justice and equality, secularism, freedom from oppression and empowerment of the poor and marginalised through socio-economic upliftment and education. Sree Narayan Guru transformed the social fabric of Kerala by teaching unity and equality of all human beings, irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

Purpose of the Award

The Vice President of India explained that the purpose of award was to honour an eminent public personality who has made important contribution towards building a secular and democratic society as envisaged by Sree Narayana Guru.

Clinton Global Citizens Awards

India environmentalist Bunker Roy and Pakistan's teenage education activist Malala Yousafzai on 23 September 2013 declared as

winners of the **Clinton Global Citizens Awards** for the year 2013.

About Bunker Roy

Bunker Roy is the founder of the Barefoot College, which has been providing solutions to problems in rural communities for more than 40 years.

As a result of Barefoot's work, one million litres of rainwater have been harvested to provide clean drinking water to over 239000 school children in more than 1300 communities worldwide. The Barefoot Approach is a proven community-based model, providing basic infrastructure for power and water in remote, rural areas, as part of an integrated solution to alleviating global poverty.

The model of community-owned, managed, and financially sustained household solar light systems is replicated in more than 54 countries, empowering more than 600 Women Barefoot Solar Engineers and providing clean energy access to 450000 people in nearly 1650 communities throughout India, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific, and Asia. Bunker Roy also named one of the 50 environmentalists who could save the planet by the Guardian and one of the 100 most influential people in the world by TIME magazine.

About Malala Yousafzai

Sixteen-year-old Malala Yousafzai, who, after being shot by the Taliban for her outspoken support for girls' education, has co-founded the Malala Fund to continue advocating for universal access to education.

The Clinton Global Citizen Awards were launched in 2007 to honour outstanding individuals for their visionary leadership, demonstrated impact, and sustainable and scalable work in solving global issues.

Indira Gandhi Official Language Award for Propagation of Rajbhasha

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) was awarded Indira Gandhi Official Language Award for propagation of Rajbhasha (Official Language) in the company by the Union

Government of India on Hindi Divas on 14 September 2013. On 14 September Hindi was adopted as an official language of the country.

About Indira Gandhi Official Language Award

To promote the official Language in the country, the Government of India introduced Indira Gandhi Official Language Award from 1986-82. This award grants to the various Ministries/Departments, Banks and Financial Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings and employees.

INDEX Design Award

Indian American Kavita Shukla in the first week of September 2013 won INDEX design award for her innovative design, FreshPaper. It helps keep food fresh for a longer period. The award carries 500000 Euro award. It recognizes the best of innovations addressing problems facing the world. The Award is given biennially in Copenhagen, Denmark. Kavita Shukla was among the five winners in categories such as Home, Body, Work, Play and Community. Kavita's design won in the Home category. It succeeded the jury with its simplicity and cost-effectiveness. FreshPaper is simple, low-tech and hyper affordable, with the potential to scale into new markets. The FreshPaper is compostable and infused only with organic spices. Kavita founded a social enterprise, Fenugreen, in 2010 to provide her product to needy people across the globe. It is already available in the US.

Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award by Harvard University

Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani schoolgirl and education rights campaigner presented with the 2013 Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award (Harvard Humanitarian of the year) by Harvard University on 27 September 2013. 16 years old Malala received the award by Dr Allen Counter, Director of the Harvard Foundation for her contribution in promoting the education among girls.

Miss Muslimah World 2013 Title

Miss Nigeria, **Obabiyi Aishah Ajibola**, 21, won the Miss Muslimah World contest which was organised by the World Muslimah Foundation in

Jakarta, Indonesia on 18 September 2013. The annual Muslim event was held exclusively for Muslim women, who are assessed not only for their appearance (in Islamic dress) but also for their piety, religious knowledge and understanding of the Quran. More than 500 Muslim women entered the contest online, with 20 finalists chosen by judges. Entrants were asked to talk people through their path to the religion and what wearing a headscarf meant to them.

Previous winners

Nina Septiani- Miss World Muslimah 2012
Dika Restiyani- Miss World Muslimah 2011.

Zubin Mehta was Conferred Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony, 2013

President of India Pranab Mukherjee in New Delhi on 6 September 2013 conferred *Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony, 2013* on Maestro Zubin Mehta. The award carries an amount of One Crore Rupees, a citation in a scroll, a plaque as well as an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item. Zubin Mehta is an Indian Parsi conductor of western classical music. The Government of India previously had honoured Zubin Mehta with the Padma Bhushan and with India's second highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan. The annual award was instituted by the Government of India during the commemoration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or sex. The first Tagore Award was conferred on Pt. Ravi Shankar, the Indian Sitar Maestro in 2012. A High-level Jury under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh and comprising the Chief Justice of India, Justice Altamas Kabir, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi after detailed discussions on 4 July, 2013, unanimously decided to select Zubin Mehta to be the second recipient of the Tagore Award, 2013 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to cultural harmony.

Fifth Deutsche Bank Prize

Reserve Bank of India governor Raghuram Rajan was awarded on 27 September 2013 with the

Fifth Deutsche Bank Prize for Financial Economics 2013. They gave this award in recognition of his macro economics research which influenced financial and macro-economic policies around the world. Raghuram Rajan was chosen for the prize from more than 260 nominations from top universities, central banks and research centres in 37 countries. While presenting the prize Jurgen Fitschen, Co-Chairman of the Management Board explained that Raghuram Rajan revealed the relationship between the financial sector and the rest of the economy is so complex and it is not good enough to simply look at the size of the financial sector in relation to the gross domestic product (GDP), as is done so often at present. Jurgen Fitschen also explained that Raghuram Rajan also expected the financial crises of 2008 in 2005 three ahead of global financial crises.

Best film Award at Ladakh International Film Festival

Abhinav Shiv Tiwari's OASS, a movie on human trafficking, was named the best film at the second edition of the Ladakh International Film Festival (LIFF) on 15 September 2013. It also won the best screenplay, and Divya Chhetri was awarded the best actress for the same movie.

The Snow Leopard trophy for Best Film comprises a cash prize of 200000 rupees to be shared between the director and the producer of the film. Sewan Sing Yein won the best actor for KO:Yad, for which Manju Patra Borah clinched the best director award at the Ladakh International Film Festival (LIFF). The international jury of the fest was chaired by acclaimed filmmaker Aparna Sen. The other jury members included Canadian filmmaker and South Asian Film Festival co-founder T.C. McLuhan. The second edition of the Ladakh International Film Festival was held from 13 to 15 September 2013 in Leh, Ladakh.

TV Show Award by America Abroad Media (AAM)

Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan on 21 September 2013 selected for a US award for his television show **Satyamev Jayate** along with eminent American director **Kathryn Bigelow** and

the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC). The awards were constituted by a US Media Organisation, America Abroad Media (AAM) and the awards will be given at the inaugural awards dinner by the America Abroad Media (AAM) in Washington DC on 28 October 2013.

Multimedia Award at the Miss World 2013

Pond's Femina Miss India World 2013 Navneet Kaur Dhillon on 27 September 2013 won the Multimedia Award at the Miss World 2013 in Indonesia. India won this award for the second time in a row. The award was first introduced by the Miss World Organization in 2012 and India's Vanya Mishra was its first winner. The Multimedia Award is given on the basis that how contestants presented their web section of the Miss World website and a Facebook page wherein they interact with fans through status updates, photos and videos. The contestants earn fast track points through maximum updates, interactions, likes and shares by fans and it ultimately helps the contestant win the Multimedia Award. Navneet's active interaction with her fans, her regular updates about the experiences at the Miss World 2013 contest through self-clicked photos and videos on the assigned Facebook page were the main reasons to help her win Multimedia Award. Navneet also created awareness about the rare Sumatran Tiger by posting its pictures and videos. As of today, Navneet's page boasts of 120000 active fans and the posts reaches to 1000000 people a week. Navneet's close

competitors were Miss Thailand and Miss Nepal for the Multimedia Award. Navneet, formed partnership with Hindustan Unilever Ltd, Pureit Brand to create awareness about the importance of safe drinking water in India. This also helped her winning the award.

Pride of the Nation Award

Bollywood actor John Abraham was on 16 September 2013 conferred the **Pride of the Nation** award for his attempt to raise the sensitive issue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's assassination through his role as a RAW agent in Madras Café film.

The award was presented by Anti Terrorist Front chairman Maninderjeet Singh in New Delhi. All-India Anti-Terrorist Front (AIATF) is an anti-terrorist organisation led by Maninderjeet Singh Bitta. In Madras Cafe film John Abraham made a courageous attempt to unravel the conspiracy behind the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi.

The film "Madras Cafe" is set in the late 80s and early 1990s, during the time of Sri Lankan civil war and the assassination of then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Madras Cafe is Indian political action thriller film directed by Shoojit Sircar and produced by John Abraham and Ronnie Lahiri. The main role of an Indian intelligence agent in the film is played by John Abraham, while Nargis Fakhri, who is the female lead, plays an international reporter. The film also deals with the subject of terrorism, and was shot in India and Sri Lanka.



1. Consider the following statements about World Food Prize 2013:
 1. This years World Food Prize given in bio-technological research.
 2. The Selection committee who has given this prize chaired by M.S. Swaminathan.Which of the above statement is correct?
 - a. Only 1
 - b. Only 2
 - c. Both 1 & 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2
2. Who has been awarded this year,s Tagore award for cultural harmony
 - a. Mira Nair
 - b. Javed Akhtar
 - c. Lord Swaraj Paul
 - d. Zubin Mehta
3. Consider the following the statements
 1. Prem Bhatia award is given in Journalism field.
 2. This Year's Prem Bhatia award for Political Reporting awarded to Shekhar Gupta of The Indian Express.

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