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## April 2020 – Important Awards & Honors

Name	Awarded as
Naveen Patnaik	Hero to Animals Award by PETA
Bob Weighon	World's oldest man by Guinness World Record
Abdelouahab Aissaoui	13th International Arab fiction prize 2020.
Tata Power	Edison Award for social innovation.
UST Global	2020 most innovative AI application award for societal impact from Microsoft.
Adam Higginbotham	William E. Colby Award.

## Chittaranjan locomotive works of Indian Railways creates world record of making 431 locomotives for FY 20

□ Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), the manufacturing unit of Indian Railways based in Asansol, West Bengal (WB), has set the Limca Book of Records for producing record 431 locomotives in the financial year 2019-2020 (FY20) in 292 working days.

- It is 2.15 times its installed capacity of 200 locomotives per year.
- This was achieved despite novel coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions that creating disruptions during the current financial year (FY20).

### Highlights:

- The unit has surpassed its own previous year (2018-2019) record when it produced 402 locomotives in 297 working days.
- CLW's Locomotive production has increased 75% over the last 6 years period from 250 in 2014-15 to 431 in

2019-20 in line to support 100% Electrification and 'Make in India' initiative of the central government.

## GIM students shortlisted for the prestigious 2020 Flourish Prizes from among 824 entries from across the globe

- Goa Institute of Management has collaborated with AIM2Flourish, the world's first higher-education curriculum for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of their Social Responsibility and Action (SRA) course.

### Objective:

- AIM2Flourish is an initiative of the Fowler Center for Business as an Agent of World Benefit at the Weatherhead School of Management – Case Western Reserve University.
- Using the UN SDGs as their lens, students from GIM have done research, identified an innovation, interviewed a business leader and then submitted their stories.
- The stories which have qualified the review process are then made available on the AIM2Flourish platform.
- These stories showcase positive business innovations that span the globe and demonstrate how business can help achieve the 17 UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs).

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## Annually:

- Each year the Center honors the best-of-the-best stories with 17 Flourish Prizes – one for each UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Of the 76 finalists announced, the 17 Flourish Prize winners will be honoured via a virtual celebration later in the year by AIM2Flourish.

## Extra Shots:

The **Goa Institute of Management**, is a premier business school of India located in the state of Goa. ☐  
 Founder: Romuald D'Souza ☐ Director: Ajit Parulekar

## Biocon's Mazumdar-Shaw among world's top 20 leaders in Biopharma: The Medicine Maker Power List 2020

- The Texere Publishing Ltd has published its “The Medicine Maker Power List 20 For 2020” consisting of the world's top 60 inspirational leaders under three categories viz. Small Molecules, Advanced Medicines, and Biopharmaceuticals. Each category consisted of 20 influencers from the field of medicines.
- From India, the list has named Executive Chairperson of Biocon Ltd Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in the world's top 20 inspirational leaders in the field of biopharmaceuticals.
- She has been recognized for her contribution to the world of medicine as an entrepreneur and innovative business leader.
- She has been featuring on the List for six consecutive years since 2015.

## Extra Shots:

### Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

- Born in 1953, she is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur and former chairperson of Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. She started Biocon India in 1978.
- In 2019, she is listed as the 65th most powerful woman in the world by Forbes.
- In 2014, she was awarded the Othmer Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to the progress of science and chemistry.

In 1989, she was awarded Padma Shri and in 2005 she was conferred by Padma Bhushan by the Government of India.

## May 2020 – Important Awards & Honors

Name	Awarded As
Thangjam Dhabali Singh	'Order of Rising Sun' by Japan
Thalappil Pradeep	Nikkei Asia Prize 2020
Saurabh Lodha	Young Career Award in Nano Science & Technology for the year 2020.
Joseph J Landsberg (Australia), Richard H Waring (USA) and Nicholas C Coops (Canada)	2020 Marcus Wallenberg Prize
Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru	SKYTRAX Award for Best Regional Airport in India and Central Asia.

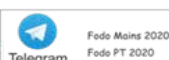
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Anunta	VMware 2020 Regional Partner of the Year Award for the Services Excellence category.
Lieutenant Commander Akshay Kumar	Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy for the year 2020.
Siddharth Varadarajan	Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award
Sania Mirza	Fed Cup Heart Award 2020 for Asia/Oceania zone.
Vinay Badhwar	2019 Alexander Dalrymple Award, by United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO).
Major Suman Gawani	UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year 2019.
Rajiv Joshi	NYIPLA "Inventor of the Year award" for the year 2020.
Quarraisha Abdool Karim	Christophe Merieux Prize

Indian-Origin Girl Vaneeza Rupani Credited to Name NASA's First Mars Helicopter as 'Ingenuity'

- A 17-year-old Indian-origin girl Vaneeza Rupani has been earned the honour of naming the NASA's first Mars helicopter, after she submitted her essay into NASA's "Name the Rover" contest.
- Rupani, a high school junior from Northport, Alabama, has suggested the name 'INGENUITY' for the helicopter, which has been liked and accepted by NASA.
- Rupani's entry was among 28,000 essays submitted by K-12 students from every US state and territory.
- In March 2020, NASA announced that its next rover to Mars, would be named Perseverance.
- Perseverance and Ingenuity are scheduled to launch in July 2020 and land in February 2021 at the Mars.

Ingenuity will be the first aircraft to attempt powered flight on another planet.

## **Extra Shots:**

**NASA:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is an independent agency of the United States Federal Government responsible for the civilian space program, as well as aeronautics and aerospace research. NASA was established in 1958, succeeding the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- Preceding agency: NACA (1915–1958);
- Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Founded: 29 July 1958, United States
- Administered by: Jim Bridenstine

Three Indian journalists were honoured with 2020 Pulitzer Prizes

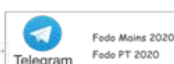
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- Three Indian journalists have been honoured with the "Pulitzer Prize 2020" in the field of feature photography.
- The names of the three prize winners are Dar Yasin, Mukhtar Khan, and Channi Anand. The results were announced virtually on 4 May.
- The award was announced 15 Journalism categories and seven Book, Drama, and Music categories.

## **Highlights:**

- Yasin and Khan are journalists based in Srinagar and Channi Anand is from Jammu.
- They were honoured for their gripping photos of life captured in J&K after the revoking of Article 370.

## **2020 Pulitzer Prizes-Winners list:**

### **Journalism:**

1. Public Service: Anchorage Daily News with contributions from ProPublica
2. Breaking News Reporting: Staff of The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.
3. Investigative Reporting: Brian M. Rosenthal of The New York Times
4. Explanatory Reporting: Staff of The Washington Post
5. Local Reporting: Staff of The Baltimore Sun
6. National Reporting: Dominic Gates, Steve Miletich, Mike Baker and Lewis Kamb of The Seattle Times; T. Christian Miller, Megan Rose and Robert Faturechi of ProPublica
7. International Reporting: Staff of The New York Times
8. Feature Writing: Ben Taub of The New Yorker
9. Commentary: Nikole Hannah-Jones of The New York Times
10. Criticism: Christopher Knight of the Los Angeles Times
11. Editorial Writing: Jeffery Gerritt of the Palestine (Tx.) Herald Press
12. Editorial Cartooning: Barry Blitt, contributor, The New Yorker
13. Breaking News Photography: Photography Staff of Reuters
14. Feature Photography: Channi Anand, Mukhtar Khan and Dar Yasin of Associated Press
15. Audio Reporting: Staff of This American Life with Molly O'Toole of the Los Angeles Times and Emily Green, freelancer, Vice News

### **Books, Drama & Music:**

1. Fiction: The Nickel Boys, by Colson Whitehead (Doubleday)
2. Drama: A Strange Loop, by Michael R. Jackson
3. History: Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America, by W. Caleb McDaniel (Oxford University Press)
4. Biography: Sontag: Her Life and Work, by Benjamin Moser (Ecco)
5. Poetry: The Tradition, by Jericho Brown (Copper Canyon Press)
6. General Nonfiction: The End of the Myth: From the Frontier to the Border Wall in the Mind of America, by

Greg Grandin (Metropolitan Books); The Undying: Pain, Vulnerability, Mortality, Medicine, Art, Time, Dreams, Data, Exhaustion, Cancer, and Care, by Anne Boyer (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

7. Music: The Central Park Five, by Anthony Davis

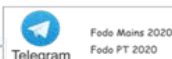
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□ The Pulitzer Prizes in journalism were first awarded in 1917 and are considered the field's most prestigious honor in the US.

Giriraj Singh awards Startup India-Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge winners

- Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Giriraj Singh awarded the winners of "Startup India-Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge" on 8 May.
- The Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge was launched by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, in partnership with Startup India.

## Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge:

- Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 11 September 2019 at a national animal disease control programme in Mathura.
- The challenge aimed to scout for innovative and commercially viable solutions to address the problems faced by the Animal Husbandry and Dairy sector.
- The challenge was to provide unique solutions for six problems namely Value-added products, Single-use plastic alternatives, eliminate milk adulteration, Breed improvement and animal nutrition, E-commerce solutions, and Product traceability.
- 2 Startups per problem statement have been selected to receive cash grants and incubation. The winner will be granted Rs.10 lakh and the runner will be awarded Rs.7 lakh.

## Winners list:

### Value-added products:

- Winner- Krushak Mitra Agro Services Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
- Runner Up- Studio Carbon, Ahmedabad **Eliminate milk adulteration:**
- Winner- White Gold Technologies LLP, Mumbai
- Runner Up- Micro Life Innovations, Chennai **Breed improvement:**
- Winner- Adis Technologies, Belagavi, Karnataka
- Runner Up- CisGEN Biotech Discoveries Pvt. Ltd., Chennai **Animal nutrition:**
- Winner- Krimanshi Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Jodhpur
- Runner Up- Cornext Agri Products Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad **E-commerce solutions:**
- Winner- MooolFarm, Gurugram, Haryana
- Runner Up- AKM Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Cuttack **Product traceability:**
- Winner- EmerTech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
- Runner Up- NebulARC Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Delhi **Extra Shots:**

**Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** is a newly formed ministry in India. It was formed in May 2019 by Modi government from the department of same name under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

The move was welcomed by Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, the marketer of Amul.

## June 2020 – Important Awards & Honors

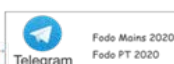
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Name	Award
Rohit Sharma	nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards
Patna based Indian NGO Socio Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS)	World No Tobacco Day Award
Kritika Pandey	2020 Commonwealth short story prize in Asian Region
Kiran Mazumdar Shaw	EY World Entrepreneur of the year 2020
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad	ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports Platinum Recognition 2020
Renjith Kumar	NASA Distinguished Service Medal
Javed Akhtar	Richard Dawkins Award 2020 f
Dr. Rattan Lal	2020 World Food Prize
Shobha Sekhar	"Medal of the Order of Australia".
Chef Angad Singh Rana	QualityNZ Culinary Cup 2020.
Deccan Development Society	Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award.
IM Vijayan	Recommended for Padma Shri
ZestMoney and Stellapps	2020 Technology Pioneers list released by the World Economic Forum (WEF)
India's first solar-powered ferry, Aditya	Gustave Trouvé Award
Amartya Sen	2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade
Himachal Pradesh	e-Panchayat Puraskar-2020.
Godfrey Phillips	top 50 India's Best Companies to Work For 2020
Weightlifter K. Sanjita Chanu	Arjuna award for 2018.
Popstar Beyonce	BET 2020 Humanitarian Award

CII gives Gold rating to Trichy Railway Junction for various environment friendly measures

- The Trichy Railway Junction has been given the covetable Gold rating by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) for implementing various environment friendly measures.
- It is to be noted that the rating was awarded in accordance with the Green Railway Station Rating System developed by the Environment Directorate of Indian Railways with the support of Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
- This system takes into consideration the implementation of various national priorities like water conservation, handling of waste, energy efficiency, reduction in the use of fossil fuels, and also steps taken for ensuring the health & well-being of rail users and railway personnel.

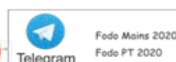
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## Extra Shots:

### CII:

- President: Vikram Shreekanth Kirloskar
- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Founded: 1895
- Purpose: Create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India

Himachal Academy Shikhar Samman announced for 2017-18

- Himachal Academy Shikhar Samman Award announced for the year 2017-18.
- Secretary Academy Dr. Karam Singh informed that on the recommendation of the jury the winners have been announced.
- Four Shikhar Samman would be given in the field of language, culture and literature for two years and Rs. one lakh each would be given to each awardees.

### Awardees:

- For the year 2017 Prof. Keshav Sharma would be honoured for contribution in Literature and special achievements.
- Folk Singer Mohan Rathour would be honoured with Language and Culture Shikhar Samman.
- For the year 2018, Dr. O.C. Handa would be honoured with Sahitya Shikhar Samman and Dinesh Kumari of Kangra would be honoured in Art and Culture sector.

## Extra Shots:

### Himachal Pradesh:

- State formed on: 25 January 1971
- Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya
- Chief Justice: Lingappa Narayana Swamy
- Chief Minister: Jai Ram Thakur
- Official language: Hindi

15 panchayats of Madhya Pradesh have been honoured with National Awards of Panchayat

- National Awards of Panchayat have been announced by the Government of India. As many as 15 panchayats of Madhya Pradesh have been honoured with the awards.
- Two District Panchayats Neemuch and Mandsaur and 2 Janpad Panchayats of Alot and Hoshangabad along with other 11 Gram Panchayats of the state have received the awards.
- The Panchayats have been conferred with the Deendayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sashaktikaran Award for rendering better services.
- The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has honoured District Panchayats with certificate and a reward Rs. 50 lakh. Similarly, Janpad panchayats with certificate as well as reward of Rs. 25 lakh and Gram Panchayats as per the population were honoured with certificate and reward of Rs. 5 lakh to 15 lakh.
- The eleven Gram Panchayats of the state have been awarded for increase in revenue income, better management of natural resources and works in the field of social development.

## Extra Shots:

### Madhya Pradesh:

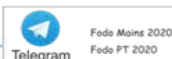
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- Capital: Bhopal
- Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan □ Governor: Lalji Tandon
- National Park: Bandhavgarh NP, Fossil NP, Kanha NP, Madhav NP, Panna NP, Pench NP, Sanjay NP, Satpura NP

Nita Ambani only Indian among top global philanthropists of 2020, features alongside Oprah, Tim Cook

- Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani became the only Indian to feature in Town & Country magazine's top global philanthropists of 2020 list.
- While RIL's Mukesh Ambani, with a net worth of \$64.5 billion, recently became the only Asian tycoon among the world's top 10 richest people, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, wife Nita was recognised by T&C among the top philanthropists "who are saving lives and our sense of hope" during the pandemic.
- Ambani features alongside prominent global individuals including as Tim Cook, Oprah Winfrey, Laurene Powell Jobs, the Lauder Family, Donatella Versace, Michael Bloomberg and Leonardo Di Caprio among others.

## Extra Shots:

**Town & Country**, formerly the Home Journal and The National Press, is a monthly American lifestyle magazine. It is the oldest continually published general interest magazine in the United States.

- Editor: Stellene Volandes
- Total circulation (2015): 486,297
- Country: United States
- Company: Hearst Communications
- Based in: New York Former editors: Frank Zachary

## July 2020 – Important Awards & Honors

Name	Award
Chakravarthi Rangarajan	Prof. P C Mahalanobis Award in Official Statistics for lifetime achievements.
MyGov Corona Helpdesk	CogX 2020 award
Ratnakar Matkari	Natvarya Prabhakar Panshikar award for lifetime contribution to theatre by the Maharashtra government.
Freya Thakral	2020 Diana Award for her "Recycler App".
International Olympic Committee (IOC)	2020 US Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership Award.
NTPC Ltd	CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019

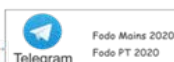
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Kezang D Thongdok	Dada Saheb Phalke Award 2020
Institute for Human Development (IHD)	'Development Marketplace Award 2020:Innovations to Address Gender-Based Violence'
Kailasavadivoo Sivan	Von Karman Award 2020
Chhattisgarh	"Elites Excellence Awards-2020"
Edappadi K Palaniswami	Paul Harris Fellow recognition
Hockey legend Gurbux Singh and former first-class cricketer Palash Nandy	Mohun Bagan Ratna Award 2020
Ved Parkash Dudeja	'Infra Business Leader of the Year' award for 2020.
Natarajan Chandrasekaran & Jim Taiclet	US-India Business Council (USIBC) Global Leadership Award 2020.
Arnab Chaudhuri	'Legend of Animation' award
Greta Thunberg	Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity
Kannan C S Warriar	National Award of Excellence for Outstanding Research in Forestry for the year 2019
Jordan Henderson	Football Writers' Association (FWA) Footballer of the Year for the 2019-20 Premier League season
Aditya -India's first solar-powered ferry	Gustave Trouve Award for Excellence in Electric Boats and Boating
Sunil ydv SS	"Karamveer Chakra Award" instituted by United Nations and International Confederation of NGO (iCONGO).
Professor Ashok Sahni	Life Time Excellence Award
Shakuntala Devi	Guinness World Records for 'fastest human computation'
Avni Doshi	2020 Booker Prize

Siddhartha Mukherjee and Raj Chetty honoured as '2020 Great Immigrants

- 2011 Pulitzer Prize winner Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee and Harvard University Economics Professor Raj Chetty

were listed among the 38 immigrants to be honoured as the '2020 Great Immigrants' by the Carnegie Corporation.

- Every year since 2006, ahead of the Independence Day of the United States on 4th July, Carnegie

Corporations of New York honors the legacy of its founder Andrew Carnegie- who being an immigrant from Scotland to the United States rose from poverty to become a leading industrialist and further went on to established a philanthropic fund to support education programs across the United States.

- The awards are also to remind how immigrants have contributed to the greatness of the United States.

## Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee

- Recipient of Padma Shri award in 2014, Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee has served at New York-Presbyterian

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Hospital as a physician and as the Associate Professor of Medicine at the Columbia University.<sup>7</sup>

- The noted biologist, oncologist and the author was awarded Pulitzer Prize in 2011 for his book: The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer. **Raj Chetty**
- He was chosen as the recipient for the award for his efforts in launching a real-time economic impact monitor of COVID-19.

Kritika Pandey, became overall winner of the 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize

- The commonwealth writers announced Kritika Pandey, the winner of asian region prize as the overall winner of the 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her story, "The Great Indian Tee and Snakes".
- The award was presented to her by Ghanaian writer and editor, Nii Ayikwei Parkes, the chair of the 2020 Judge panel in the online award ceremony.
- Kritika is the second Indian to win the overall prize after Parashar Kulkarni in 2016.

## Commonwealth Short Story Prize:

- The prize is awarded to the best unpublished short fiction through commonwealth writers, the cultural initiative of Commonwealth Foundation.
- The stories of the winners of the 2020 Commonwealth short story prize will be published online by the Literary magazine Granta in partnership with the Commonwealth writers.

Cambodian NGO Receive 'Development Marketplace Award' from World Bank Group and SVRI

- A WhatsApp chatline named 'SMARTgirl Chatline' was implemented by a Research Team from Cambodian NGO- KHANA Centre for Population Health Research.
- The 'Smartgirl Chatline' offered 24 hours response and support against gender-based violence to female entertainment workers in Cambodia.
- A cash reward of USD 100,000 was provided by the World Bank Group & SVRI- Sexual Violence Research

Initiative under the Development Marketplace Award to NGO KHANA Centre for Population Health and Research for implementation of 'Smartgirl Chatline'.

## Development Marketplace Award

- The Development Marketplace Award is an annual global competition under which cash reward is provided to researchers for individuals and communities from gender-based violence.
- The Development Marketplace Award competition is organized and funded jointly by the World Bank Group and SVRI.

Elton John becomes second artist to be honoured with commemorative coin by Royal Mint

☐ Elton John became the second artist to be honored by Britain's Royal Mint with a commemorative coin paying tribute to the decorated British singer-songwriter.

The coin, designed by artist Bradley Morgan Johnson, depicts John's distinctive straw boater's hat, and fashions his trademark glasses out of a pair of musical notes. John, who was knighted in 1998, is the second artist to be

commemorated under the Royal Mint's Music Legends series after rock band Queen

Indian Battalion Wins the Annual UNIFIL Environment Award for 2020

- The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) Head of Mission and Force Commander Major General Stefano Del Col awarded the annual environment awards of UNIFIL to 7 mission entities.
- An Indian Battalion (INDBATT) stationed with UNIFIL is declared first for environmental contributions.
- The annual award was launched by UNIFIL on 4th December 2019 to recognise the environmental

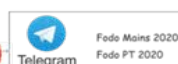
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achievements within the Mission's area of operations.

## Extra Shots:

### UNIFIL:

- Parent organization: United Nations Security Council
- Headquarters: Naqoura, Lebanon
- Formation: 19 March 1978

CPJ International Press Freedom Award 2020 announced

- The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has announced the recipients of the International Press Freedom Awards 2020.
- CPJ International Press Freedom Awards honor journalists or their publications around the world who show courage in defending press freedom despite facing attacks, threats, or imprisonment.

## The winners are:

### Shahidul Alam from Bangladesh

- Shahidul Alam is a photojournalist and commenter. He is the founder of the Pathshala Media Institute and the Drik photo library. He was in jail for 102 days and was released in November 2018.

### Mohammad Mosaed from Iran

- Mohammad Mosaed is a freelance economic reporter. He was forced to resign from a reformist newspaper under government pressure as he publishes news on social media platforms.

### Dapo Olorunyomi from Nigeria

- He is the co-founder, CEO, and publisher of the Nigerian newspaper Premium Times. He was twice arrested before hiding in 1995 and was arrested with a colleague during a police raid on his newspaper on a defamation charge in 2017.

### Svetlana Prokopyeva from Russia

- She is a regional correspondent for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, known as Radio Svoboda. **Gwen Ifill Press Freedom Award 2020- Amal Clooney**
- She has represented embattled reporters around the world, including Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo of Reuters, who were imprisoned in Myanmar for 17 months. She promotes freedom of speech and journalism through the Clooney Foundation for Justice's TrialWatch initiative, which monitors the trials of journalists worldwide and provides free legal representation for those in need.

## Extra Shots:

### Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)

- Headquarters: New York, United States
- Founder: Michael Massing
- Founded: 1981
- Affiliation: IFEX
- Purposes: Freedom of the press, Human rights (journalist human rights)

### Indian-origin nurse in Singapore conferred with President's Award

- A 59-year-old Indian-origin nurse in Singapore has been conferred with the prestigious President's Award for Nurses for serving on the frontline during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Kala Narayanasamy was among the five nurses given the award.
- Each recipient was awarded a trophy, a certificate signed by President Halimah Yacob and SGD 10,000 (USD 7,228).

### Kala Narayanasamy

- She is currently involved with the planning for the Woodlands Health Campus.
- She has been involved with the modernisation of nursing in Singapore

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- She was also involved in the introduction of the use of a streamlined wound assessment process that provides accurate wound measurements and image capture.

First Edition of Indus Valley International Film Festival Announced

- First edition of Indus Valley International Film Festival (IVIFF) will be held from 1st to 9th August.
- It is organized by SAFACH (South Asia Forum for Art & Creative Heritage). In the Covid19 scenario, the first edition will be online and on free registration audience gets access to the festival.
- The festival will open with an Opening Remark by Vishal Bhardwaj, and Opening film will be 'Patakha'. □ The festival will close with a closing Remark by Nandita Das, with her film 'Manto' is the closing film.
- A film by Brahmanand Singh 'Jhalki' will also be screened during the festival.

Now 'Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration' include Namami Gange project too

- This year, the Namami Gange project has been included in the prestigious 'Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration'.
- The District Ganga Committees to submit their nominations for this year's prestigious award.
- Objective of National Mission for Clean Ganga is not limited only to the nirmalta and aviralta of the Ganga, but to develop a sustainable socioeconomic zone around the holy river and its tributaries, which will give a boost to the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Campaign.

## Aug 2020 – Important Awards & Honors

Name	Awarded as
Ministry of Tribal Affairs	SKOCH Gold Award for its "Empowerment of Tribals through IT enabled Scholarship Schemes"
Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, DIAT	1st prize in Smart India Hackathon, SIH, 2020
Indian Express Journalist Dipankar Ghose and website PARI	2020 Prem Bhatia journalism awards
IIT Kharagpur	'Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Awards 2020'
Soumya Swaminathan- Chief Scientist of World Health Organisation	Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's special award
Tirunagari Ramanujam	Dasaradhi Award for 2020
Ravi Solanki	UK's Royal Academy of Engineering President's Special Awards for Pandemic Service.
Abhijit Paul	first prize in Online Patriotic Short Film Contest
Anand Mahindra and Shantanu Narayen	2020 Leadership Awards in recognition of their exemplary vision towards promoting US-India bilateral ties
Reshma Mohandas	Tomyas Award
Government of India Navratna, NLC India Limited (NLCIL)	"Swachhta Hi Seva award" for transforming Neyveli

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Neelakanta Bhanu Prakash	World's fastest human calculator
Marieke Lucas Rijneveld	International Booker prize
Ms. Sudha Painuli	National Award to Teachers 2020.
Punjab University	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy for the year 2019.

Union Home Minister's Medals for Excellence in Investigation awarded

- Union Home Minister's Medals for Excellence in Investigation for 2020 have been awarded to 121 police personnel, including 21 women police officers.
- Among these awardees, 15 are from the Central Bureau of Investigation, 10 each are from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra Police, 8 are from Uttar Pradesh Police and seven each are from Kerala and West Bengal Police.
- The remaining are from the other states and UTs in the country.

**The Union Home Minister has instituted five Police medals in order to recognize the contribution of the police personnel:**

- Union Home Minister's Special Operation Model
- Police Antarik Suraksha Seva Padak
- Asadharan Assuchana Kushalata Padak
- Utkrisht and Ati Utkrisht Seva Medals
- Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation

MS Swaminathan award for environment protection conferred upon RS Paroda

- The Rotary Club of Madras East has conferred the MS Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2019 upon RS Paroda the Founder Chairman of the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi
- The award was presented for his outstanding contribution in the area of agricultural research, education and extension, especially in the field of conservation and management of agro biodiversity.

## **ACJ Journalism Awards 2019 announced**

☐ Journalists Nitin Sethi and Shiv Sahay Singh were declared winners of the Asian College of Journalism's (ACJ) Award 2019 for Investigative Journalism and the K. P. Narayana Kumar Memorial Award for Social Impact Journalism, respectively.

- The awards were presented in a virtual ceremony by Soumya Swaminathan, chief scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO), at the inauguration of the Class of 2021.

Sudha Murthy, ITC's Sivakumar bags Gramodaya awards

- Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, Sudha Murthy and Group Head of Agri and IT Businesses of ITC Ltd, Sivakumar Surampudi are among the winners of the Gramodaya Bandhu Mitra Puraskaras.
- The other winners include Padma Bhushan Vijay Bhatkar, Padmasri SP Verma, Vilas Shinde (Director, Sahyadri Farms), Koosam Rajamouli, Former Sarpanch of Gangadevipalli in Telangana, Brig Pogula Ganesham, Founder of Palle Srujana, and Govinda Rajulu Chintala, Chairman of the Nabard. **Extra Shots:**

## **ITC:**

- CEO: Sanjiv Puri

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- Founded: 24 August 1910, Kolkata
- Headquarters: Kolkata

84 Gallantry Awards to personnel of Armed and Paramilitary Forces announced

- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, has approved 84 gallantry awards for the personnel in India's armed forces and also the members of the Paramilitary forces for their acts of bravery to protect the country's security and honour.
- These awards include one Kirti Chakra, nine Shaurya Chakras, five Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 60 Sena Medals (Gallantry), four Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and five Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry) and they are normally announced on the eve of the Independence Day of the country.

## Extra Shots:

### Gallantry Awards

- There are mainly six gallantry awards in India that can be divided into wartime awards and Peace Time Awards.
- The War-Time Awards are – Param Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra and Vir Chakra whereas the Peacetime Awards are Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra.
- Apart from these, there are various Distinguished Service medals such as the Sena Medal, Nao Sena Medal and Vayu Sena Medal.

World War II Spy Becomes First Indian-origin Woman to Get Memorial Plaque in London

- Britain's World War II spy, Noor Inayat Khan, became the first Indian-origin woman to be honoured with a memorial Blue Plaque at her former family home in central London.
- The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the English Heritage charity, honours notable people and organisations who were connected with particular buildings across London.

## Sep 2020 – Important Awards & Honors

Name	Awarded as
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Hyderabad International Airport)	'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit'
Jayanti Behera and Deep Grace Ekka	Biju Patnaik Sports Award
NTPC Limited	All India Management Association (AIMA) Chanakya (Business Simulation Game) National Management Games (NMG) 2020
Ja Morant	2019-20 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year,
Sir David Attenborough.	Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2019
Professor Aditya Prasad Padhi	"Lifetime Achievements Award"
West Bengal govt	Sabuj Sathi scheme in WSIS Price Contest.
Kevin De Bruyne and Beth England	2020 PFA player of the year awards

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Marathi language feature film 'The Disciple'	FIPRESCI award for Best Screenplay at the 77th Venice Film Festival.
Aditya Puri	Lifetime Achievement Award by Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020.
Aleksandr Logunov	New Horizons Prize
Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) in Rome, Italy	first airport in the world to be certified with "COVID-19 5-star airport rating" from Skytrax
chef Vikas Khanna	2020 Asia Game Changer Award
Margaret Atwood	Dayton Literary Peace Prizes
Udit Singh	UN's 2020 list of Young Leaders for Sustainable Goals
Jineth Bedoya Lima	Golden Pen of Freedom
Kerala	UN Award For Prevention and Control of NonCommunicable Diseases (NCD) 2020
Kerala Tourism's Human by Nature campaign	2020 PATA Grand Award
NID-Ahmedabad student's zero waste manufacturing process	James Dyson India award
Krusha Bhavan	Global Architecture Award
"Aavruhi" (Fence)	Best Film At IFFT-Orange Online Film Festival
Satya Basista Deva Sarma	Srimanta Sankaradeva Award
Usha Mangeshkar	Gan Samragini Lata Mangeshkar award for the year 2020-21
Sonu Sood	SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

## RPF personnel honoured with Jeevan Raksha Medals

- Three RPF personnel was awarded Jeevan Raksha Medals by President of India Ram Nath Kovind.
- The honoured Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel are Late Shri Jagbir Singh, Shri Shivcharan Singh, Shri Mukesh Kumar Meena.
- Sanvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (posthumous) - Late Shri Jagbir Singh, Constable/Northern Railway
- Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak- Shri Shivcharan Singh, Constable/ Western Railway
- Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak- Shri Mukesh Kumar Meena Head Constable/North Western Railway

## Extra Shots:

### RPF

- Founded: 27 July 1872
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India

President of India to virtually confer the National Award to Teachers to 47 awardees on Teachers Day

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- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind will virtually confer National Award to Teachers in New Delhi tomorrow.
- Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and MoS for Education Shri Sanjay Dhotre will also be present on the occasion. ☐ The national level awards are given to teachers on Teachers' Day to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country and to honour those teachers who through their commitment have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students.

## Agnikul Cosmos bags TiE50 Award

- IIT Madras-incubated Agnikul Cosmos, which provides a dedicated launch vehicle for smaller satellites at a lower cost, has been conferred with TiE50 award.
- The award recognizes top technology and technology-enabled start-ups across the world, who will be awarded at its flagship conference TiECON 2020 at TiE's Silicon Valley.

## **Startup India Awards 2020 – Assam recognised as emerging Startup Ecosystem in India** ☐ Assam recognised as emerging Startup Ecosystem in India.

- The 'Startup India Awards 2020' held at the National Media Centre in New Delhi.
- Assam has been recognised as an emerging startup ecosystem in India for its relentless efforts to create a supportive startup ecosystem in the state and encouraging the youths of Assam to take up entrepreneurship. ☐ Other states to receive the recognition include Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

## **Extra Shots:**

### **Assam:**

- Capital: Dispur
- Chief Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal ☐ Governor: Jagdish Mukhi
- National Park: Dibru-Saikhowa NP, Kaziranga NP, Manas NP, Nameri NP, Rajiv Gandhi Orang NP, Dehing Patkai

## Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank presents first ever AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020

- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank presented the first ever AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020 to 12 faculty members of AICTE approved institutes on the occasion of Engineers Day.
- The event was organised in virtual mode and the faculty members were felicitated by the Minister through online interaction.
- Sir M Visvesvaraya was a pioneer of Engineering in India.
- Visvesvaraya was one of the most eminent Engineers and Statesmen of India, whose contribution to the advancement of the country is unforgettable.
- He was awarded the highest civilian award 'Bharat Ratna' in 1955 for his indispensable contribution to nation-building.

## **Governor of Rajasthan felicitated "EMINENT ENGINEERS AWARD 2020" on the Occasion Engineer's Day**

☐ Eminent Engineers Award 2020 declared, Prof. H. D. Charan, Vice-Chancellor, Bikaner Technical University as Visionary Leader of the Year, Dr Manish Kumar Goyal, IIT Indore, Best Researcher of the Year, and Dr. Shamsheer Bahadur Singh, Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, as Best Academician of the Year Award 2020 in Individual Category.

- Honourable Governor of Rajasthan and Chancellor of State Universities, Shri. Kalraj Mishra felicitated the Eminent Engineers Awards to 10 individuals, 3 industries, 2 startups, one university and one institute (Total:

17) on the occasion of World Engineer's day.

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PM Modi Awarded Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education

- Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has been awarded the Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education.
- He has been awarded the prestigious award for “using the COVID-19 pandemic to teach the world that politicians can have a more immediate effect on life and death than scientists and doctors can”.
- PM Modi shares the award with Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom, Andrés Manuel López Obrador of Mexico, Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, Donald Trump of the USA, Recep

Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, Vladimir Putin of Russia, and Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow of Turkmenistan.

## Extra Shots:

- PM Modi is the second Indian Prime Minister to be honored with the Ig Nobel Prize.
- IG Nobel Prize instituted in which year– 1991
- Name the Former PM of India who received the Ig Nobel Prize – Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee received the Ig Nobel Prize Award in which year – 1998
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee jointly won the Ig Nobel Peace Prize with – Former Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif
- First Recipient of Ig Nobel Prize – Don Featherstone

72nd Emmy award 2020

- The 72nd Emmy Awards 2020 marks the beginning of Hollywood’s first major show in the times of COVID-

19.

- The ceremony was hosted by Jimmy Kimmel at an empty theatre in Los Angeles with cutouts of the nominees placed in the audience.
- Drama Series: Succession
- Supporting Actress in a Drama Series: Julia Garner, Ozark
- Supporting Actor in a Drama Series: Billy Crudup, The Morning Show
- Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series: Succession
- Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series: Succession
- Lead Actress in a Drama Series: Zendaya, Euphoria
- Lead Actor in a Drama Series: Jeremy Strong, Succession
- Limited Series: Watchmen
- Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie: Uzo Aduba, Mrs America
- Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie: Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Watchmen
- Outstanding Directing for a Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special: Unorthodox
- Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series: Watchmen
- Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie: Mark Ruffalo, I Know This Much Is True □ Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie: Regina King, Watchmen
- Comedy Series: Schitt’s Creek
- Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series: Annie Murphy, Schitt’s Creek
- Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series: Daniel Levy, Schitt’s Creek
- Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series: Schitt’s Creek
- Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series: Schitt’s Creek
- Lead Actor in a Comedy Series: Eugene Levy, Schitt’s Creek
- Lead Actress in a Comedy Series: Catherine O’Hara, Schitt’s Creek
- Competition Program: RuPaul’s Drag Race

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- Variety Talk Series: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
- Outstanding Television Movie: Bad Education

Prestigious Nobel Prize 2020 Winners to Receive Extra USD 1 Million

- The head of the Nobel Foundation informed that this year Nobel Prize awarded will get an extra USD 1 Million.
- So that, the prize money is increased to 10 million crowns in this year.
- This decision of increasing prize money has been reached after the foundation found itself in a stable condition with respect to costs and capital.
- The prize amount has varied time to time, starting at 150,000 crowns and reaching 1 million crowns in 1981.

The value rose in the 1980s and 1990s, and then rise to 9 million crowns in 2000 and 10 million a year later.

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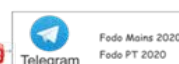
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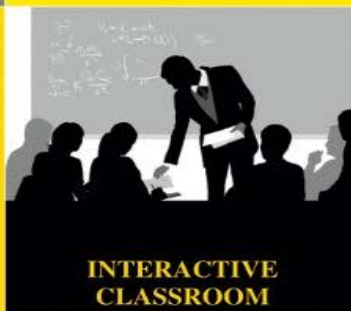
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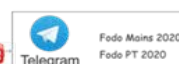
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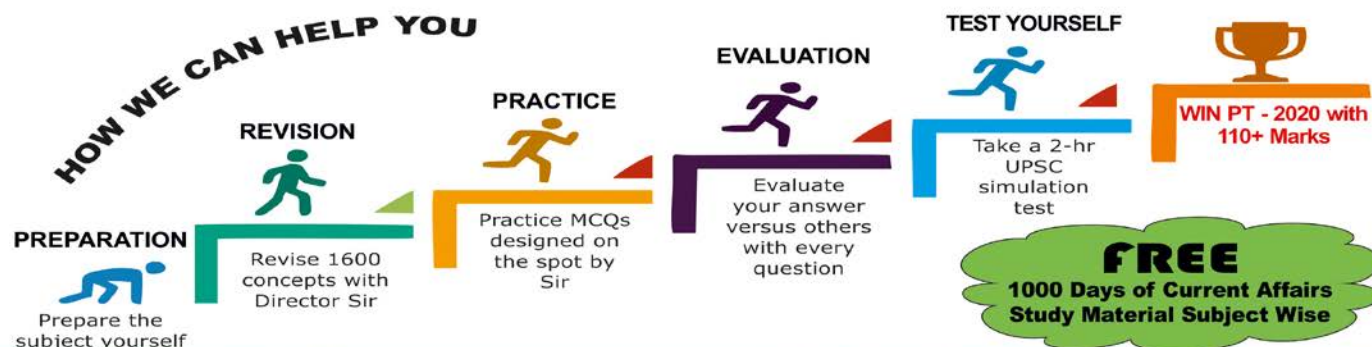


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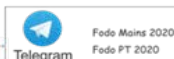
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