

National and International-General Knowledge Questions and Answers updated on Dec 2024

Noble Prize:

Noble Prize are for Contributions to society

Nobel prize winners of India

Rabindra Nath Tagore - 1913 in Literature, C. V. Raman -1930 in Physics Har Govind Khurana -1968 for Medicine, Mother Teresa - 1979 for Peace, Amartya Sen -1998 for Economics R. K. Pachuri - 2007 for Peace

Oscars Award

The Oscars (Organized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences) -a set of awards given annually for excellence of cinematic achievements

List of Indian Oscar Winners

India's first Oscars Winner-Bhanu Athaiya (Best Costume Designer for Richard Attenborough's film Gandhi in 1982)

Satyajit Ray won Honourary award for Lifetime achievement in cinema. (1991)

Russell Pookutty - Best Sound Mixing for Danny Boyle's film Slumdog Millionaire in 2008

A.R Rahman won 2 awards Best Score and Best Original Song (music) for Slumdog Millionaire in 2008

Gulzar won Best Song (lyrics) for Slumdog Millionaire in 2008

Bharath Ratna

It is India's highest civilian award, awarded for the highest degrees of national service

1st Indian to be awarded the Bharath Ratna - C. Rajagopalachari

No one received the Bharat Ratna for 2013. The last awardee for Bharat Ratna was late Bhimsen Joshi who had won in 2008.

Padma Awards

Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Padma awards are for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

Out of the total of 54 Padma award, 2 were the Padma Vibhushan awards, 10 were the Padma Bhushan awards and 42 were the Padma Shree awards.

The list of the winners was announced on 25 January 2013.

International Gandhi Peace Prize

This award is given to individuals and institutions for their contributions towards social, economic and political revolution through non-violence and Gandhian philosophy. The award carries Rs. 10 million in cash.

Former Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda has received the 2012 Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Peace and Reconciliation from the Gandhi Development Trust (GDT) in South Africa.

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award is for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management

Smt. Tessy Thomas, chosen for the prestigious "Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration" - 2012

Gallantry Awards

PARAM VIR CHAKRA : It is the highest decoration of valour awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or prominent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy on land, sea or air.

MAHA VIR CHAKRA : It is the second highest decoration. It is awarded for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air.

VIR CHAKRA : It is the third in the order of awards for acts of gallantry in the face of the enemy on land, sea or air.

ASHOK CHAKRA : Awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring act of valour or self-sacrifice on land, at sea or in the air.

KIRTI CHAKRA : Awarded for conspicuous gallantry.

SHAURYA CHAKRA : Awarded for an act of gallantry.

PARAM VISHISHT SEWA MEDAL : Awarded in recognition of distinguished service of the most exceptional order.

ATI VISHISHT SEWA MEDAL : Awarded in recognition of distinguished service of an exceptional order.

VISHISHT SEWA MEDAL : Awarded in recognition of distinguished service of a high order.

SENA MEDAL / NAU SENA : MEDAL/VAYU SENA MEDAL For good work on the field, at sea or in the air.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

The Indira Gandhi Prize or the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize or the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development is the prestigious award accorded annually by India to individuals or organizations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order. The prize carries a cash award of 25 lakh Indian rupees

Pulitzer Prize

The Pulitzer is a U.S. award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition. It was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of American (Hungarian-born) publisher Joseph Pulitzer, and is administered by Columbia University in New York City. Prizes are awarded yearly in twenty-one categories. In twenty of the categories, each winner receives a certificate and a US\$10,000 cash award. The winner in the public service category of the journalism competition is awarded a gold medal.

The Golden Peacock Awards

It is recognised worldwide as the hallmark of corporate excellence. It builds the Brand Equity and inspires and aligns the entire workforce.

23rd World Congress on Leadership & Quality of Governance & Presentation of Golden Peacock Awards was held at Bengaluru on February 8-9, 2013. The theme for the World Congress this year was the challenge of integrating leadership and quality of governance for sustainability.

Manthan Award

It is an initiative in India to recognize the best practices in e-Content and Creativity.

Man Booker Prize

The Man Booker Prize for Fiction is a literary prize awarded each year for the best original full-length novel, written in the English language, by a citizen of the Commonwealth of Nations, Ireland, or Zimbabwe.

FiFi Award

The FiFi (Fragrance Foundation) Awards honor the fragrance industry's creative achievements

Magsaysay Awards

The Ramon Magsaysay Award is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's. This award is given annually on August 31, for outstanding contributions to Public service, community leadership, journalism, literature and creative arts and international understanding. They are often regarded as the Nobel Prize of Asia.

Green Star Award

The Green Star Awards recognize those who have made extraordinary efforts to respond to environmental disasters around the world.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Green Cross International and the UN Environment Programme are the joint organizers of the Awards. The 2013 edition of the Green Star Awards will be presented on 2 September 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland, as part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of Green Cross International.

Sports awards of India and Football cup Competitions in India

Sports Awards of India

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna is India's highest honour given for achievement in sports

1st recipient of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award - Viswanathan Anand
1st women recipient of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award - Karnam Malleshwari

Arjuna Awards

The Arjuna Award was instituted in 1961 as the highest national recognition of distinguished sports persons. The awardee is given a bronze statuette of Arjuna, a scroll, and a cash prize along with a monogram, a blazer and a tie. During the year 1994, the amount of cash prize to the winner of the Arjuna Award was Rs. 50,000/241. Arjuna Awards for the year 1994 were presented by the president of India to 8 outstanding sports persons at Rashtrapati Bhawan on the 29th August, 1995.

Dronacharya Award

Dronacharya Award was instituted in 1985 to honour eminent coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis. Every awardee is given a cash prize of Rs. 75,000/ along with a bronze statue of Dronacharya, a scroll, a suit, a blazer and a tie.

Dhyan Chand Award

Dhyan Chand Award is India's highest award for lifetime achievement in sports and games, given by the Government of India. The award is named after the legendary Indian hockey player Dhyan Chand. The award was initiated in 2002. The award carries a cash prize of INR 5 lakh (500,000 rupees)

MAKA Award

The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Award is given primarily to the top overall winners in the Inter-University Tournaments, as these tournaments are a very much integral and important part of games and sports in the universities and colleges and they also play a very important role in supplying the talents to the country. They usually send their recommendation to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India each year.

Football Cup Competitions in India

Federation Cup

Abbreviated as the Fed cup, this is one of the knockout styled club football matches, which is held in the nation every year. Starting from the year 1977, this is one of the most prestigious and important national level

football match after the I - League. The winning club of this cup is provided with an opportunity to compete in the A. F. C. Cup or the Asian Football Confederation Cup where they are accompanied by the champion team of the I - League.

Durand Cup

Started in the year 1888 at Shimla by Mortimer Durand, the then Foreign Secretary of India, this tournament was suspended twice in between during the time of the world wars. Though, initially, it was held in Dagshai as a recreational event for the British troops, but later in 1940, the city of New Delhi became the permanent venue of the tournament.

Santosh Trophy

This is one of the annual football tournaments in India, where the state as well as the government institutions participate. The football team from the state of West Bengal was the 1st winner of this trophy. As of now, they even lead the list of the all-time winners with 31 titles.

Indian Super Cup

Contested between the winners of the Federation Cup and the I - League, this is a one-off yearly club football match in India. In case, the champions of the I - League becomes the Federation Cup winner, then the opposition is formed by the runners-up of the league. The winning team of this football tournament of India receives the shield whereas, the individual players receive winners' medals.

I. F. A. Shield

Organized by the I. F. A. or the Indian Football Association, it is a yearly football competition. Started in the year 1893, this is the 4th oldest club football cup competition of the world.