**INTERNATIONAL**

**Nobel Prize**
The Nobel Prize was established in 1895 as per the will of Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel; it was first awarded in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace in 1901.

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel was instituted by Sveriges Riksbank in 1968 and was first awarded in 1969. Although technically not a Nobel Prize, its announcements and presentations are made along with the other prizes, with the exception of the Peace Prize which is awarded in Oslo, Norway.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Nobel Prize in Physics, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet awards the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. The Swedish Academy grants the Nobel Prize in Literature. The Nobel Peace Prize is not awarded by a Swedish organisation but by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

The prize cannot be awarded posthumously, unless the winner of the prize has passed away after the prize’s announcement. Nor may a prize be shared among more than three people.

**Nobel Prize 2010**

**Physics**: Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov (University of Manchester, UK) received the noble prize “for groundbreaking experiments regarding the two-dimensional material graphene”.

**Chemistry**: Richard F. Heck (University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA), Ei-ichi Negishi (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA) and Akira Suzuki (Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan) share the 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing new, more efficient ways of linking carbon atoms together to build the complex molecules that are improving our everyday lives.

**Medicine**: Robert G. Edwards (British Scientist) “The Father of the Test Tube Baby” was awarded the 2010 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, for the development of in vitro fertilization.

**Literature**: The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2010 is awarded to the Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa. His well known works include Conversación en la catedral (1969; Conversation in the Cathedral, 1975), La guerra del fin del mundo (1981; The War of the End of the World, 1984) and La fiesta del chivo (2000; The Feast of the Goat, 2001). He is also a noted journalist and essayist.

**Peace**: Nobel Peace Prize for 2010 was awarded to Liu Xiaobo for his long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China. Liu is sentenced to eleven years in prison.

**Economics**: Peter A. Diamond (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA), Dale T. Mortensen (Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA) and Christopher A. Pissarides (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK) received the 2010 Nobel Prize for their analysis of markets with search frictions.
India has its own share of Nobel Prize winners over the decades in several fields.

**Rabindranath Tagore - Nobel Prize for Literature (1913)**

Tagore was the first recipient of this award from India. In the year 1913, Rabindranath Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his work "Gitanjali". He was one of greatest poets of India and the composer of national anthem of India.

**Sir Chandrasekhar Venkata Raman (C.V. Raman) - Nobel Prize for Physics (1930)**

C V Raman was the first Asian scientist to win the Nobel Prize. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for his discovery of "RAMAN effect". Raman effect is useful in the study of molecular energy levels, structure development, and multi component qualitative analysis.

**Dr. Har Gobind Khurana - Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology (1968)**

He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1968 for producing the first mammal gene in his laboratory in the early seventies. His discovery won him the Nobel Prize sharing it with Marshall Nuremberg and Robert Holley for interpreting the genetic code and analyzing its function in protein synthesis.

**Mother Teresa - Nobel Prize for peace (1979)**

She was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in the year 1979. This was in recognition for the path breaking efforts to help the poor and underprivileged people through the establishment of the Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta,India.

**Dr. Subramanian Chandrasekhar - Nobel Prize for Physics (1983)**

He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1983 for Physics. He was recognized for his theoretical studies of the physical processes of importance to the structure and evolution of stars. He received this award jointly with Wilfred Alfred Fowler for their collaborative research work. Chandrasekhar's is also known as the nephew of another legendary scientist and Nobel laureate, Sir C.V. Raman.

**Dr. Amartya Sen - Nobel Prize for Economics (1998)**

Amartya Sen was honored with the Nobel Prize in 1988 for his work in Welfare economics. Sen is best known for his research on famines, his work on women-- the attention he has drawn to their unequal status in the developing world, and his calls for gender-specific aid programs.

**V. S. Naipaul - Nobel Prize for Literature(2001)**

He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2001. Naipaul was recognized for his extensive works in English Literature. He is well known not only for his indomitable command over the use of the English Language but also for his vivid and descriptive stories.

**Venkatraman Ramakrishnan - Nobel Prize for Chemistry (2009)**

Venkatraman Ramakrishnan was awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2009. He is a structural biologist who received the Nobel Prize for his studies in the structure and function of the ribosome.

**Sir Ronald Ross - Nobel Prize for Physiology (1902)**

He was a Scottish physician who was born in Almora in India in 1857. Though he finished his education in England, Ross had also spent a number of years in India while he was making progress in his search for his discovery of the malarial parasite and its prevention. He was awarded by Nobel prize in 1902 for his work on malaria.

**Rudyard Kipling - Nobel Prize for Literature (1907)**

He is regarded as an innovator in the art of short stories. In 1907, Rudyard Kipling won the Nobel Prize in Literature for his original imagination and ideas as a writer of several literary works. He is best known for his book "The Jungle Book"
The First Nobel Prizes

On the fifth anniversary of Alfred Nobel’s death, December 10, 1901, the first set of Nobel Prizes were awarded.

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Magsaysay Award

- Magsaysay Award has been constituted by the Philippines government in the memory of Ramon Magsaysay, the President of the country who died in an aircrash on 1957.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award is often considered Asia’s Nobel Prize. The prize was established in April 1957 by the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) based in New York City with the concurrence of the Philippine government.
- Every year the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation gives away prizes to Asian individuals and organizations for achieving excellence in their respective fields. The awards are given in six categories:
  - Government Service
  - Public Service
  - Community Leadership
  - Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication
  - Arts Peace and International Understanding
  - Emergent Leadership

Winners of Magsaysay Award 2010

- Tadatoshi Akiba, from Japan
- Christopher Bernido and Ma. Victoria Carpio-Bernido, from the Philippines
- Huo Daishan, from China
- A.H.M. Noman Khan, from Bangladesh
- Pan Yue and Fu Qiping, from China

Indian winners of 2008 and 2009 Magsaysay Award

- Mandakini and Prakash Amte won the 2008 Magsaysay award in the category of community leadership.
- Deep Joshy won the 2009 Magsaysay award in the category of Public Service.

The Man Booker Prize for Fiction

- Booker Prize was instituted in 1969. It is the most prestigious award given to literature by England. It 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. The award amount is 50,000 pound. Now this Award is known as Man Booker Prize for Fiction.
- 2008- Aravind Adiga for his debut novel 'The White Tiger'
- 2009 -Hilary Mantel for her work ‘Wolf Hall’
- 2010 Howard Jacobson for his work ‘The Finkler Question’
The Man Booker International Prize

- The Man Booker International Prize is a biennial international literary award given to a living author of any nationality for fiction published in English or generally available in English translation.
- The award, sponsored by the Man Group and established in 2005 to complement the Man Booker Prize, rewards one writer’s overall achievement in literature and their significant influence on writers and readers worldwide.
- 2005 - Ismail Kadare (Albanian)
  2007 - Chinua Achebe (Nigerian)
  2009 - Alice Munro (Canadian)

Commonwealth Writers’ Prize

- Organised and funded by the Commonwealth Foundation is a leading award for fiction that was first awarded in 1987.
- The winner of the Best book receives $10,000 and the winner of the Best first book receives $5,000.

2008 Winner

- Best Book: *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill (Canada)
- Best First Book: *A Golden Age* by Tahima Anam (Bangladesh).

2009 Winner

- Best Book: *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri (India).
- Best First Book: *A case of Exploding Mangoes* by Muhammed Haneef (Pakistan).

2010 Winner

- Best Book: *Solo* by Rana Dasgupta (India/UK)
- Best First Book: *Siddon Rock* by Glenda Guest (Australia)

Orange Prize for Fiction

- Orange prize for fiction is one of the United Kingdom’s most prestigious literary prizes, awarded annually for the best original full length novel by a female author of any nationality, written in English and published in the UK in the preceding year.
- A longlist of nominees is announced around March each year, followed by a shortlist in June; within days the winner is announced.
- The winner of the prize receives $30,000

2008 winner

- Rose Tremain - ‘The Road Home’

2009 winner

- Marilynne Robinson - ‘Home’

2010 winner

- Barbara Kingsolver - ‘The Lacuna’
OSCAR Awards

The Academy Award (informally known as the Oscar) is an accolade by the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) to recognize excellence of professionals in the film industry, including directors, actors, and writers.

82nd Oscar Award Winners

- Best Motion picture ................................................................. The Hurt Locker
- Actor ...................................................................................... Jeff Bridges – Crazy Heart
- Actress ................................................................................... Sandra Bullock – The Blind Side
- Supporting Actor ................................................................. Christoph Waltz – Inglourious Basterds
- Supporting Actress ............... Mo’Nique – Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire
- Director ................................................................. Kathryn Bigelow – The Hurt Locker
- Cinematography ........................................................................ Mauro Fiore - Avatar
- Original Score ........................................................................ Michael Giacchino - Up
- Film Editing ................................................................. Chris Innis and Bob Murawski - The Hurt Locker
- Sound Mixing ................................................................. Paul N.J. Ottosson and Ray Beckett - The Hurt Locker
- Original Song .............. Ryan Bingham and T-Bone Burnett - "The Weary Kind" from Crazy Heart

Miss World

The Miss World pageant is the oldest surviving major international beauty pageant. It was created in the United Kingdom by Eric Morley in 1951.

Motto: “Beauty with purpose”

- Kiki Hakansson of Sweden, Miss World 1951 reigned for the longest period in Miss World history: 475 days (almost 16 months) from the time she was crowned on 29 July, 1951 in London, UK
- Miss Russia Ksenya Sukhinova was crowned Miss World 2008 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Indian Parvathy Omanakuttan was declared the first runner up.
- Miss World 2009 - Kaiane Aldorino (Gibraltar)
- Miss World 2010 - Alexandria Mills

Miss Universe

Miss Universe is an annual international beauty contest run by the Miss Universe Organization.

Motto: “Beauty with brain”

- Miss Universe 2009 - Stefania Fernandez (Miss Venezuela)
- Miss Universe 2010 - Ximena Navarrete (Miss Mexico)

Miss Earth

Miss Earth is an annual international beauty pageant promoting environmental awareness.

Motto: “ Beauties for a Cause”

Miss Earth 2010

India’s Nicole Faria has been crowned as Miss Earth 2010 in Nha Trang, Vietnam.
**Pulitzer Prize**

- Pulitzer prize is conferred annually in the United States for accomplishment in journalism, literature and music.
- Jumpha Lahiri is the first Indian woman to get Pulitzer Prize. She won 2000 pulitzer for her book *Interpreter of Maladies*.
- 2007 - "The Road" by Cormac Mc earth won the pulitzer prize for fiction.
- 2008 - "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz won the Pulitzer prize for fiction.
- 2010 - "Tinkers" by Paul Harding won the Pulitzer prize for fiction. The Washington Post won four Pulitzer prizes for International reporting, Feature writing, Commentary and Criticism.

**Right Livelihood Award**

- The Right Livelihood Award, established in 1980 by Jakob Von Uexkull, is an award that is presented annually usually on December 9 to honour those “working on practical and exemplary solutions to the most urgent challenges facing the world today”.
- The winners of 2008 are Krishnamma and Sankaralingam Jagannathan (India), Amy Goodman (American journalist), Asha Hagi (Somalia), Monika Hauser (German Gynecologist).
- The 2009 Right Livelihood Awards go to four recipients: Catherine Hamlin (Australia), René Ngongo (Democratic Republic of the Congo), David Suzuki (Canada) and Alyn Ware (New Zealand).
- The 2010 Right Livelihood Awards go to four recipients: Nnimmo Bassey (Nigeria), Bishop Erwin Kräutler (Brazil), Shrikrishna Upadhyay and the organisation SAPPROS (Nepal), The organisation For Human Rights-Israel (Israel).

**International Gandhi Peace Prize**

- As a tribute to the ideals espoused by Gandhi, the Government of India launched the International Gandhi Peace Prize in 1995 on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- This is an annual award given to individuals and institutions for their contributions towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods.
- The award carries 10 million in cash, convertible to any currency in the world.
- Ist recipient of this award is Julius Nyerere - 1st President of Tanzania.

The renowned music maestros of Assam Bhupen Hazarika was selected for the prestigious International Gandhi Peace Prize 2008, for his outstanding contribution in the field of music in both state and national levels.
Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International understanding
- Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International understanding was instituted in 1965 by the Government of India.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International understanding is presented "for their outstanding contribution to the promotion of international understanding, goodwill and friendship among peoples of the world". The award carries Rs. 25 lakh in cash.
- 2006: Lula da-Silva (Brazilian President)
- 2007: Dr. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson (President of Republic of Iceland)

Indira Gandhi Prize for peace, Disarmament and Development
- Indira Gandhi prize for peace, Disarmament and Development is the prestigious award accorded annually by India to individuals or organisations in recognition of creative efforts towards promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order, ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for the larger good of humanity, and enlarging the scope of freedom.
- The prize carries a cash award of Rs. 25 lakh Indian rupees.
- 2008 recipient - Dr. Mohamed Mostafa - El-Baradei
- 2009 recipient - Sheikh Hasina (Bangladesh Prime Minister)

UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize
- This prize of US $100,000 is awarded once every two years for exceptional contributions and leadership in the field of tolerance promotion.
- The prize was made possible by the generous donation of the Indian artist, writer and diplomat Madanjeet, who is also Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO.
- From 1996 onwards the prize has been awarded every two years on 16 November the annual International Day for Tolerance.
- 2009 recipients: Francois Houtart (Belgium) and Abdul Sattar Edhi (Pakistan) shared 2009 UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize.

UN Human Rights Award
- UN Human Rights Award were instituted by United Nations in 1966.
- They are intended to honour and commend people and organisations which have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion and protection of the human rights.
- They were first awarded in 1968, and they have been given out at five-year intervals since then.
- The award is given on 10 December, the UN Human Rights Day.
- 2008 Awardee - Benazir Bhutto (assassinated former prime Minister of Pakistan).
**Golden Lion**

- Golden Lion is the highest prize given to a film at the Venice Film Festival.
- The prize was introduced in 1949 by the organizing Committee and is now regarded as one of the film industry's most distinguished prizes.
- In 1970, a second Golden Lion was introduced this is an honorary award for the people who have made an important contribution to cinema.
- **2009 Winners**
  - Lebanon - Samuel Maoz (Israel)
- **2010 Winners**
  - Honorary Award - John Lasseter, Brad Bird, Pete Docter, Andrew Stanton, and Lee Unkrich
  - Somewhere - Sofia Coppola (United States)
  - Honorary Award - John Woo

**World Food Prize**

- The World Food Prize is an international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.
- The prize is awarded annually on or near October 16, United Nations World Food Day.
- **2009 Winner**
  - Gebisa Ejeta (Ethiopia). He was honoured for his work on drought and weed-resistant varieties of sorghum

**Templeton Prize**

- Templeton prize for progress towards Research or discoveries about spiritual realities is given out annually by the Templeton Foundation.
- It was established in 1972. The inaugural winner of the prize in 1973 was Mother Teresa.
- **2009 recipient**
  - Bernard d Espagnat (French Physiist and Philosopher of science)
- **2010 recipient**
  - Francisco J.Ayala (an American evolutionary geneticist and molecular biologist)

**The Kalinga Prize**

- The Kalinga Prize for the popularisation of science was established by the UNESCO in 1951.
- It is an annual international award of one thousand pound sterling, based on a grant to UNESCO from Mr. Biju Patnaik, of the state of Orissa, India, founder president of the Kalinga Foundation Trust.
- The prize is awarded in Oct-Nov in Paris, France in odd years and in New Delhi in even years.
- **2005 recipient**: Jelir Bertoletti - Brazil.
- **2006-2008** - No awards were given due to change of UNESCO rules.
- **2009 recipients** - Professor Trinh Xuan Thuan (United States) and Professor Yash Pal (India)

**Abel Prize**

- Abel Prize is an international prize presented annually by the King of Norway to one or more outstanding mathematicians.
- The prize is named after Norweigian Mathematician Niels Henrik Abel (1802-1829).
- **2009 recipient**
  - Mikhail Leonidovich Gromov; Russian-French Mathematician for his revolutionary contributions to geometry.
- **2010 recipient**
  - John Torrence Tate (United States) “for his vast and lasting impact on the theory of numbers.”
Grammy Awards

- The Grammy Awards are presented annually by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of the United States for outstanding achievements in the music industry.
- The awards were established in 1958.

52nd Grammy Awards

- A.R. Rahman bagged two Grammi Awards for his number “Jai Ho” and outstanding track for the film Slumdog Millionaire.
- Record of the Year : "Use Somebody" by rock band Kings of Leon.
- Album of the Year : "Fearless" by Taylor Swift (the youngest to win the award at the age of 20)
- Best Pop Vocal Album : The E.N.D., Black Eyed Peas
- Song of the Year : 'Single Ladies' by Thaddis Harrel, Beyonce Knowles, Terius Nash and Christopher Stewart.
- Best Female Pop Vocal Performance : "Halo" by Beyonce
- Best Male Pop Vocal Performance : "Make it Mine" by Jason Mraz

Stockholm Water Prize

- First presented in 1991
- The Stockholm water prize is the world's most prestigious prize for the outstanding achievement in water related activities.
- The prize amount is 150,000 USD
- The stockholm water prize is announced in March in connection with the UN World Water Day.

2009 Winner

- Bindeshwar Pathak, the founder of the Sulabh Sanitation movement and inventor of a toilet system credited with improving sanitation all over India.

2010 Winner

- Dr. Rita Colwell (Professor from the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg school of Public Health in the United states).
- Dr Colwel’s pioneering research on the prevention of waterborne infectious diseases has helped to protect the health and lives of millions.

Blue Planet Prize

- Blue Planet Prize is an international environmental award sponsored by the Asahi Glass Foundation.
- Two Blue planet prizes are awarded to individuals or organisations each year that make outstanding achievements in scientific research and its application, and in so doing help to solve global environmental problems.

2009 Winners

- Lord Nicholas Stern (UK) & Dr. Claude Lorius (France)

2010 Winners

- Dr. Robert Watson (UK), Prof. Hiroyumi Uzawa (Japan) & Dr. James Hansen (U.S.A.)

Kluge Prize

- The John W Kluge Prize in the Human Sciences is awarded for lifetime achievement in the humanistic and social sciences to celebrate the importance of the intellectual Art for the public interest.
- This award is instituted by the US Library of Congress.
- 2008 recipients - Romila Thapar (Indian historian) and Peter Brown (Irish historian).
NATIONAL

Bharat Ratna
- Highest civilian award given in India is Bharat Ratna.
- The award is given for exceptional work for the advancement of art, literature and science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order.
- The first three recipients of Bharat Ratna were Dr. S. Radha Krishnan, C. Rajagopalachari and Dr. C.V. Raman in 1954.
- The person who received the highest civilian award of India (Bharat Ratna) and Nishan E Pakistan of Pakistan is Morarji Desai.
- Latha Mangeshkar and Bismillah Khan were the recipients of Bharat Ratna in 2001.
- The 2002 Bharat Ratna announced in 2008 was given to Pandit Bimsen Joshi.
- The first recipient of Bharat Ratna is C. Rajagopalachari in 1954.
- First foreigner to receive Bharat Ratna is Khan Abdul Ghaffer Khan in 1987, later Nelson Mandela (1990) was given the award.

Padma Vibhushan
- It was established on January 2, 1954.
- It is the second highest civilian award. This award is given for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by government servants.
- Dr. Satyendra Nath Bose, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Bala Saheb Gangadhar Ker, Jigmi Dorje Wangchuk, Nandlal Bose were the first recipients of Padma Vibhushan.

Padma Bhushan
- The Padma Bhushan award is an Indian civilian decoration established on 2 January 1954. It stands third in the hierarchy of civilian awards, after the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Vibhushan.
- It is awarded to recognize distinguished service of a high order to the nation, in any field.

Padma Shri
- Padma Shri is an award given by the Government of India generally to Indian citizens to recognize their distinguished contribution in various spheres of activity including the Arts, Education, Industry, Literature, Science, Sports, Medicine, Social Service and public life.
- It stands fourth in the hierarchy of civilian awards after the Bharat Ratna, the Padma Vibhushan and the Padma Bhushan.

43 were chosen for Padma Bhushan. ‘Ilaiyaraaja, Aamir Khan, Allah Rakha Rahman, Ms Mallika Sarabhai, Ustad Sultan Khan, Fareed Zakaria, Prof.Satyaprakash Vrat Shastri, Dr. Panniyampilly Krishna warrier, Prof. Abhijit Sen, Capt.C.P. Krishnan Nair etc.

81 were chosen for Padma Shri. MS Rekha, Resul Pukutty, Saif Ali Khan, D.R.Karthikeyan, MS Saina Nehwal, Vijender Singh, Virender Sehwag etc.
Gallantry Awards

- **Param Vir Chakra**: The highest decoration for valour awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air.

- **Maha Vir Chakra**: Second Highest decoration for valour.

- **Vir Chakra**: Third in the order of award given for the act of gallantry.

- **Ashok Chakra**: It is the highest award for gallantry during peacetime.

- **Maj. Laishram Jyotin Singh, AMC (Posthumous)** was awarded Ashok Chakra.

- **Capt. Davinder Singh Jass, Para (SF) (Posthumous)** was awarded Kirhti Chakra.

- Two Bar Shaurya Chakra and Seventeen Shaurya Chakras were also awarded.

- Two Bar to Sena Medal and Eighty Sena Medals were also awarded.

Jnanpith

- The Jnanpith Award, instituted on May 22, 1961 is given for the best creative literary writing by any Indian citizen in any of the languages included in the VIII Schedule of the constitution.

- First recipient, in 1965, was the Malayalam writer G Sankara Kurup.

- 2007 recipient - Malayalam litterateur Mr. O.N.V. Kurup

- 2008 recipient - Mr. Akhlaq Khan Shahryar (Urdu Poet)

Arjuna Award

This award is given to sportsperson who has displayed outstanding performance consistently for the previous three years in both national and international level with excellence for the year for which the award is recommended. The Awardee is given a cash award of Rs. 500,000.

- Krishna Punia (athletics), Joseph Abraham (athletics), Dinesh Kumar (boxing), Parimarjan Negi (chess), Jhulan Goswami (cricket), Deepak Mondal (football), Sunil Chettri (football), Rajiv Tomar (wrestling), Sandeep Singh (hockey), Jasjit Kaur (hockey), Jaiseer Singh (paralympics), Dinesh (kabaddi), Kapil Dev (volleyball), Rehan Poncha (swimming), Sanjeev Rajput (shooting).

Dada Saheb Phalke Award

- It was instituted in 1969.

- Dada Saheb Phalke is awarded for outstanding contribution to Cinema.

- The award is named after Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, the father of Indian Cinema.

- He made India’s first feature film “Raja Harishchandra” in 1913.

- The award comprises of a cash prize of Rupees One million.

- The award was first given to Devika Rani in 1969.

- 2008: V. K. Murthy (Cinematographer, Karnataka)

- 2009: D. Rama Naidu (Producer, Andhra Pradesh)
Dronacharya Award
- The Dronacharya Award was instituted in 1985.
- The Award is given to Coaches who have successfully trained sportspersons or teams and enabled them to achieve outstanding results in international competitions.
- The awardee is given a statuette of Guru Dronacharya, a scroll of honour and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- The Scheme was launched in the year 1991-92 for honouring the outstanding sportsperson in a year for his/her achievement in sports.
- The award is given in the form of a cash award of Rs 7.50 lakh, scroll of honour and a plaque.
- 2010 recipient : Saina Nehwal (Badminton)

Dhyan Chand Award
- Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievements in sports and games instituted in the year 2002 is given to honour those sports persons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career.
- The award carries a cash of Rs. five lakh. Three awards are given every year.
- 2010 recipient : Satish Pillai (Athletics), Kuldeep Singh (wrestling), Anith Chanu (weight lifting)

Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Award
- Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards are given to young scientists in India. This award carries a cash of 5 lakh.
- This award is given by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar is the first director of CSIR.
- Bhatnagar Award is known as the 'Nobel Prize of India.'
- Nine Scientists were chosen for the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2010.

Saraswathi Samman
- The award has been instituted by the K.K. Birla Foundation.
- It is given to outstanding author for his literary work in any Indian Language mentioned in the eighth schedule of the constitution and published during the last 10 years.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh.
- 2008 Awardee: Lekshmi Nandan Bora (Assamese Novelist) for his novel Kavyakalpa.
- 2009 Awardee: Surjit Paatar (Punjab) was awarded Saraswathi Samman for his poetry collections Lafzan Di Dargan.
**Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration**

- Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration is the prestigious award accorded by the Indian National Congress.
- The award is given annually to distinguished persons/institutions for contributing to national integration and understanding.
- The Award carries an amount of Rs. 1.51 lakh in cash and a citation.
- The Award is given on 31st October.
- 2009: Balraj Puri
- 2010: A. R. Rahman and Ramakrishna Mission Ashram

**Pravasi Bharatiya Samman**

- Pravasi Bharatiya Samman is constituted by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in conjunction with the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to honour exceptional and meritorious contribution in their chosen field/profession. The award is given by the President of India.
- 2009 Awardee: Soman Baby, Associate Editor, Gulf Daily News; Deepak Obhrai, Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Secretary of foreign affairs, Canada; P.N.C Menon and 10 others.

**Dhanvantari Award**

- This Award is given annually since 1973 for outstanding contribution in the field of Medical Science.
- 2008 Awardee: Dr. P.S. Krishnamurthy (Hyderabad), Homeopathic Physician.

**Kalidas Samman**

- Kalidas Samman is a prestigious award presented annually in the state of Madhya Pradesh in India.
- It was first awarded in 1980.
- The award is presented for outstanding achievement in Music, Dance, Painting & Theatre.
- The award carries a cash prize of 2 lakh rupees.
- 2008 recipient: Prof C.V. Chandrasekhar (Bharata Natyam)
- 2009 recipient: Pandit Chhannulal Mishra (Classical Singer)

**57th National Film Awards**

- Best Feature Film: *Kutty Srank*
- Best Director: Samir Chanda (Delhi 6)
- Best Actor: Amitabh Bachchan (Paa)
- Best Actress: Anannya Chatterjee (Abahoman)
- Best Popular Film: *3 Idiots* (Hindi)
- Best Supporting Actor: Farooq Sheikh (Lahore)
- Best Supporting Actress: Arundhati Nag (Paa)
- Best Child Artist: Kishore & Sri Ram (Pasanga)
- Best Playback Singer: Rupam Islam (Male) & Nilanjana Sarkar (Female)

**Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award**

- This award is given to persons for outstanding contributions to peace and communal harmony.
- The award carries a citation and a cash award of Rs. 5 lakh.
- 2010 Recipient: Maulana Wahiduddin Khan for his contribution towards the promotion of communal harmony, peace and goodwill.
Mathrubhumi Literary Award
- Mathrubhumi Literary Award is instituted by the Mathrubhumi Printing and Publishing Company Limited.
- The award comprises Rs. 2 lakh in cash, a citation and a plaque.
- Ist Awardee - Thikkodian (2000)
- 2009 Awardee - V.V.Ayyappan (Kovilan)
- 2010 Awardee - Vishnu Narayanan Namboothiri

Asan Smaraka Kavitha Puraskaram
- The award has been instituted by the Asan Memorial Association.
- The award comprises Rs. 25000 in cash, a citation and a plaque.
- Ist Recipient - Pala Narayanan Nair (1991)
- 2009 Recipient - M.L.Paloor
- 2010 Recipient - A.Ayyappan

Vallathol Award
- Vallathol Award is instituted by the Vallathol Sahithya Samithi.
- The award carries a purse of Rs.1,11,111 and citation.
- Ist Recipient - Pala Narayanan Nair (1991)
- 2009 Recipient - Kavalam Narayana Panicker
- 2010 Recipient - Vishnu Narayanan Namboothiri

Vayalar Award
- The Vayalar Award is given for the best literary work in Malayalam. The award was instituted in 1977 by the Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust in memory of the poet and lyricist Vayalar Ramavarma (1928-1975).
- A sum of Rs.25,000/-, a silver plate and certificate constitutes the award.
- It is presented each year on October 27, the death anniversary of Vayalar.
- Ist Recipient - Lalithambika Andarjenam
- 2009 Recipient - Thomas Mathew - Marar Lavanyabhavathinte Yukthi Silpam
- 2010 Recipient - Vishnunarayanan Namboothiri - Charulatha

J.C. Daniel Award
- The Government of Kerala instituted the J. C. Daniel Award as a part of the Kerala State Film Awards, to honour lifetime achievements in Malayalam cinema.
- From 1998, the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, an autonomous body under the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala hosts the award.
- Ist Recipient - T.E.Vasudevan (1992)
- 2009 Recipient - K.G. Sankara pillai
- 2009 Recipient - K.S. Sethumadhavan

Odakkuzhal Award
- The Odakkuzhal Award, given by Guruvayoorappan Trust, was founded by G. Sankara Kurup to commemorate the Jnanapith Award he had won.
- Ist Recipient - Vennikulam Gopalakurup (1968)
- 2008 Recipient - K.G. Sankara pillai
- 2009 Recipient - Sreekumaran Thampi

Ezhuthachan Award
- Named after father of Malayalam literature and medieval poet Thunchath Ezhuthachan, the award carries Rs.1 lakh, citation and a statuette.
- This award is announced every year on 1st November.
- Ist Recipient - Sooranan Kadavanpillai
- 2009 Recipient - Sugathakumari
- 2010 Recipient - M.Leeelavathi
Kerala State Film Awards

Kerala Sahitya Academy for Malayalam literature is an autonomous body established to promote Malayalam language and literary.

It is situated in Thrissur, Kerala in India.

The academy was inaugurated on October 15, 1956, by Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma, the former king of Travancore.

The academy is headed by Malayalam novelist P. Valsala as its president, and writer Purushan Kadalundy is its secretary.

Winners of Kerala Sahithya Academy Award 2010

- Vishnu Narayanan Namboodiri and Punathil Kunjabdulla will get this year's academy fellowships.
- Ettumanoor Somadasan, Erumeli Parameswaran Pillai, G. Balakrishnan Nair and P.V.K. Panayal won awards for overall contribution.

**The winners are...**

- **Novel:** Benyamin (Aadujeevitham)
- **Short-story:** K.R. Meera (Ave Maria)
- **Poetry:** N. K. Desam (Mudra)
- **Biography/autobiography:** T.J.S. George (Ghoshayatra)
- **Travelogue:** Raveendran (Ente Keralam)
- **Translation:** K. Sachithanandan (Padinjaran Kavithakal)
- **Drama:** K. M. Raghavan Nambyar (Swathanthryam thanne jeevitham)
- **Literary criticism:** K.S. Ravikumar (Aakhyanathinte Adarukal)
- **Scholarly literature:** Vijaya Kumar Menon (Sthalam Kalam Kala)
- **Children's literature:** A. Vijayan (Muyalchevi)
- **Humour:** Marshal (Ronald Reaganum Balan Mashum)
**Padma Prabha Award**
- The award is instituted by Padmaprabha Memorial Trust in memory of M K Padma Prabha Gowder, known for his contribution for development of Wayanad district.
- It carries a cash prize of Rs 55,000, a ruby studded plaque and citation.
- 1st Awardee - Puthoor Unnikrishnan (1997)
- 2009 - Sachidanandan
- 2008 - UA Khader

**Swathi Award**
- Swathi Puraskaram is one of those coveted awards instituted by the Government of Kerala to honor an artiste of national eminence.
- The award carries a cash prize of rupees one lakh, citation and a medal.
- First Awardee - Shamankudi Sreenivasa Iyer (1997)
- 2009 - Parassala B.Ponnammal
- 2008 - Dr. R.K. Sreekantan

**Muttathu Varkey Award**
- It is the highest award given for Malayalam Literature.
- It was constituted by Muttathu Varkey's fans, friends, and relatives.
- The award comprises Rs. 33,333 in cash.
- First recipient - OV Vijayan (1992)
- 2010 - P.Valsala
- 2009 - N.S. Madhavan

**G.V.Raja Award**
- The award instituted by the Kerala State Sports Council carries a purse of Rs. 1 lakh, a plaque and a certificate.
- First Awardee - Shamankudi Sreenivasa Iyer (1997)
- 2008 - M.Renjith (Triple Jump)
- 2007 - K.M.Binu & Jincy Philip