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### Awards -2015

- An eminent Indian-American entrepreneur and philanthropist **Frank Islam** has been presented with the prestigious **Martin Luther King Jr Award** in recognition of his contribution to the civil rights
- **Indian-American writer JhumpaLahiri** won the **DSC Prize for Literature**, one of South Asia's top literary awards for her book '**The Lowland**', it was announced at the **Jaipur Literature Festival on 22nd January**. The DSC Prize for **South Asian Literature** was instituted in 2010 by **Surina Narula**.
- Reserve Bank of India Governor **Raghuram Rajan** is adjudged the '**Governor of the Year**' in the **Central Banking Journal Awards for 2015**. The **Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ)** won the prize for **Central Bank of the Year**
- **72nd Golden Globe Awards**
  - **Best film (Musical or Comedy):** The Grand Budapest Hotel
  - **Best Director-** Richard Linklater
  - **Best actress (Musical or comedy)**
  - **Amy Adams:** Big eyes
- **Amitabh Bachchan** has been honored with the **Social Media Person of the Year award by Internet and Mobile Association of India**.
- Eminent **Marathi litterateur BhalachandraNemade** has been chosen for the **50th Jnanpith Award for 2014**

India's highest civilian awards were declared for 2015

- **Total Padma Vibhushan Awards – 9**
- **Padma Bushan awards- 20**
- **Padma Shri Awards- 75**
- **Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, was conferred the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honour on 27th March**

#### Padma Vibhushan

S. No.	Name of the Awardee	Discipline	State
1.	Shri L. K. Advani	Public Affairs	Gujarat
2.	Shri Amitabh Bachchan	Art	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Prakash Singh Badal	Public Affairs	Punjab
4.	Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade	Social Work	Karnataka
5.	Shri Mohammad Yusuf Khan alias Dilip Kumar	Art	Maharashtra
6.	Shri Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Swami Rambhadracharya	Others	Uttar Pradesh
7.	Prof. Malur Ramaswamy Srinivasan	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu
8.	Shri Kottayan K. Venugopal	Public Affairs	Delhi
9.	Shri Karim Al Hussaini Aga Khan (Foreigner)	Trade and Industry	France/UK

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### Padma Bhushan

1.	Shri Jahnu Barua	Art	Assam
2.	Dr. Vijay Bhatkar	Science and Engineering	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Swapan Dasgupta	Literature and Education	Delhi
4.	Swami Satyamitranand Giri	Others	Uttar Pradesh
5.	Shri N. Gopaldaswami	Civil Service	Tamil Nadu
6.	Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap	Public Affairs	Delhi
7.	Dr. (Pandit) Gokulotsavji Maharaj	Art	Madhya Pradesh
8.	Dr. Ambrish Mithal	Medicine	Delhi
9.	Smt. Sudha Ragunathan	Art	Tamil Nadu
10.	Shri Harish Salve	Public Affairs	Delhi
11.	Dr. Ashok Seth	Medicine	Delhi
12.	Shri Rajat Sharma	Literature and Education	Delhi
13.	Shri Satpal	Sports	Delhi
14.	Shri Shivakumara Swami	Others	Karnataka
15.	Dr. Kharag Singh Valdiya	Science and Engineering	Karnataka
16.	Prof. Manjul Bhargava(NRI/PIO)	Science and Engineering	USA
17.	Shri David Frawley (Vamadeva)(Foreigner)	Others	USA
18.	Shri Bill Gates(Foreigner)	Social Work	USA
19.	Ms. Melinda Gates (Foreigner)	Social Work	USA
20.	Shri Saichiro Misumi(Foreigner)	Others	Japan

- **M.Y.S. Prasad, director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, has been selected for the Vikram Sarabhai memorial award to be presented by the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) Kolkata.**
- **Chhattisgarh** was felicitated for emerging as one of the **best performing states in the renewable energy segment in India**
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has been selected for the **Gandhi Peace Prize for 2014** for its contribution to the country's development through space technology and satellite-based services.
- Renowned ecologist **Madhav Gadgil** has been chosen for the prestigious **2015 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement.**
- **BAFTA 2015: 'Boyhood', 'Grand Budapest Hotel' win big:** At the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) 2015 held in London on 8th February, coming-of-age drama 'Boyhood' took home three of the biggest awards, however, it was Wes Anderson's whimsical drama 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' proved the star, clinched five trophies.
  - Best film- Boy hood
  - Best director- Richard Linklater (Boyhood film)
  - Best supporting actress- Patricia Arquette (Boy hood film)
  - Best Actress- Julianne Moore (Still Alice Movie)
  - Best Actor – Eddi Redmayne (The theory of everything movie (story of Stephen Hawking))

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- At the **57th Grammy Awards** held on 8th February in **Los Angeles**, **Bangalore based Indian origin musician Ricky Kej** won the **best new age album** award for his album '**Winds of Samsara**'
- **The 62nd National Film Awards 2014** were announced on 24th March
- **Kangana Ranaut** won the **best actress award** for her powerful performance in **Queen**
- **Vijay** was declared the best actor for his role in Kannada film **Nanu Avanalla Avalu**.
- **Court**, a film which focuses on the flaws in the Indian judicial system adjudged **best Film**
- In the **68th annual Cannes Film Festival**, the **Palme d'Or** was awarded to the French film **Dheepan** directed by **Jacques Audiard**.
- **Indian Economist and Nobel laureate Amartya Sen** has won the **Charleston-EFG John Maynard Keynes Prize in Economics**
- **Shahid Kapoor** won the **Film fare award for Best Actor (Male)** for his performance in the film "Haider", while **KangnaRanaut** received the **Best Actor (Female)** award for "Queen", at the 60th Britannia Film fare Awards ceremony
- **The 24th Yudhvir Foundation Memorial Award** is given to **Prajwala founder Sunitha Krishnan** for her extraordinary achievement in the **rescue, restoration and rehabilitation of victims in trafficking and her exemplary care and support to HIV patients**.
- Noted Hindi writer **Dr Vishwanath Tripathi** has been selected for **28th Moortidevi award** for the year 2014 for his work **Vyomkesh Darvesh**.
- Veteran hindi actor **Shashi Kapoor** is conferred the **Dadasaheb Phalke award**, **India's highest award for life time contribution to Indian films**.
- **Nobel Laureate John F Nash Jr.** won the **Abel Prize for matghematics 2015** for his work on partial differential equations. The prize was announced by the **Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters**.
- **175 Grams**, directed by **Bharat Mirle and Aravind Iyer**, is one of the **five Short Film Challenge winning films at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival**.
- Indian-born **Akhil Sharma** won the **Folio Book prize**, prize for his book, **Family Life**.
- Bengaluru-based concert pianist **Necia Majolly** has won the **Global Music Award** for her debut **single Dark Room**. It has won the award in the "Emerging Global Artist" category.
- **Rajendra Singh, environmental activist based in Rajasthan**, popularly known as "Water Man", has been conferred the prestigious **Stockholm Water Prize** this year for his innovative water restoration efforts in Indian villages.
- **Tata Steel's West Bokaro Division** has been awarded the '**Golden Peacock Environment Management Award**' for the year 2015.
- **Sanjiv Chaturvedi, former Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) at AIIMS and Anshu Gupta, founder of NGO Goonj** are among the people who have been awarded the **Ramon Magsaysay Award** which is considered **Asia's Nobel Prize, tyo be conferred by Philippines Government**.
- **Hungarian writer Laszlo Krasznahorkai** was presented with the **Man Booker International Prize for 2015** at a ceremony at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London on 20th May.
- **Microsoft's Indian-origin CEO Satya Nadella** was honoured with the **White House Champions of Change** on 16 April 2015.
- **Prof. Sanjeev Galande of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune** has been selected for **G D Birla Award for Scientific Research -2014**.
- **An Indian-American professor Rajani Ganesh-Pillai**, who uses a game called "**BaffaBaffa**" to teach **culture's role in business** has won the **prestigious Peltier Award for innovation in teaching**.
- The Palestinian government has decided to **confer its highest civilian award, Star of Jerusalem**, on **Syed Vicaruddin, chief editor of Rahnuma-e-Deccan and chairman, Indo-Arab League**
- **Modern Indian artist Sayed Haider Raza**, has been conferred the **highest French civilian honour, the Commandeur de la Legion d' Honneur (the Legion of Honour)**
- **Historian Ramachandra Guha** was chosen for the **Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize 2015** in the Academic Category.

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- **Renowned Scientist and Bharth Ratna C N R Rao** was conferred with **Japan's highest civilian award for his contributions to science and Indo-Japanese science cooperation**. The Emperor of Japan conferred the country's highest award, the **Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star on him**
- **Pakistan** conferred its **top civilian award 'Nishan-e-Pakistan'** on **Chinese President Xi Jinping**
- **Fazel Hasan abed**, the founder of **Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee** has got **World food prize**. The **World Food Prize** was constituted by **Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug (Considered father of Green Revolution) in 1986 at Iowa(USA)** to recognize scientists and others who have improved the quality and availability of food.
- **Namibia's outgoing President Hifikepunye Pohamba** is adjudged winner of the **Mo Ibrahim Prize for "good governance" in Africa, the world's richest award**. The award, founded by **Sudanese-British telecoms entrepreneur and billionaire Mo Ibrahim in 2007**, is given to a **democratically-elected former head of state in Africa who left office in the previous three years, contributing to democratic values**.
- The **UNESCO** on **2nd May** awarded its annual **press freedom prize to Mazen Darwish, a Syrian journalist**
- **Carlos Santana, Marlon James and Naomi Klein** are among the winners of the **36th annual American Book Awards**.
- The **UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)** has designated **union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju as Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Champion for the Asia Region**.
- **Pranab Mukherjee** on **10th August** gave away the **Saraswati Samman for 2014** to former Union Minister **M Veerappa Moily for his Epic Sri Ramayana Mahanveshanam written in Kannada**
- **Bangladesh** is set to honour former Prime Minister **AtalBihari Vajpayee with Bangladesh Liberation War Honour Award'** for his outstanding support for the country's independence from Pakistan in 1971
- **Helena Ndume of Namibia and Jorge Sampaio of Portugal** were on **24 July 2015** awarded with the **first-ever Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize by the United Nations (UN)** at the UN Headquarters in New York.
- **Scottish economist Angus Deaton** has won the **Nobel memorial prize in economic sciences**.
- **Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley** has been chosen as **'Finance Minister of the Year, Asia'** by **London-based publication Emerging Markets**.
- **Jamaican author Marlon James** has won the **Man Booker Prize 2015 for his novel, A Brief History of Seven Killings**. In 2014 it was given to **Richard Flanagan of Australia for his book 'The Narrow Road to the Deep North'**. This is awarded each year for the best original novel, written in the **English language, and published in the UK**.
- **Maruti Suzuki Chairman RC Bhargava** has been honoured with the lifetime achievement award at the **Forbes India Leadership Awards, 2015**.
- **Zaina Erhaim, a Syrian journalist** who lives and works in the **war-scarred city of Aleppo** was awarded the **Reporters without Borders Prize in France** on **18th November** for her defence of **press freedom**.
- **Noted Classical Singer, and Station Director Radio Kashmir Jammu VK Sambyal** was awarded with **Rashtriya Nirman Puruskar 2015**
- **Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)** has been adjudged **' Major Port of the Year'** amongst **12 major ports** in the country for the year **2014-15**
- **Noted Indian agricultural scientist Dr M. Vijay Gupta** is conferred the first **Sunhak Peace Prize** of **South Korea**. Dr. Gupta was also recipient of the **World Food Prize** in 2005 for development and dissemination of low-cost techniques for freshwater fish farming.
- **Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi** has been selected for the prestigious **Harvard Humanitarian of the Year Award**.

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- **'Piku' wins best film award at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2015.** The best director award went to Shoojit Sircar and Bhumi Pednekar of "Dum Laga Ke Haisha" for the best actress while best actor award was awarded to Irrfan Khan for his performance in "Piku".
- A Liberian teenager, **Abraham Keita** was awarded the prestigious **International Children's Peace Prize by University of Leiden(Netherlands)**

### Sports Awards

- Indian men's football team captain **Sunil Chhetri** and striker **Bala Devi** were awarded with the **All India Football Federations (AIFF) 2014 Player of the Year trophy** in men and women category, respectively.

### CEAT Awards for cricketers

- **International Cricketer of the Year:** Kumar Sangakkara;
  - **Domestic Cricketer of the Year:** R. Vinay Kumar;
  - **Indian Cricketer of the Year:** Ajinkya Rahane;
  - **T20 Player of the Year:** Dwayne Bravo ;
  - **International Batsman of the Year:** Hashim Amla;
  - **International Bowler of the Year:** Rangana Herath;
  - **Popular Choice award:** Kieron Pollard;
  - **Special Award:** Rohit Sharma;
  - **Young Player of the Year:** Deepak Hooda.
- Lawn tennis player **Sania Mirza** has been conferred with **country's highest sports honour Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award**
  - 12 sports persons including shooter Jitu Rai, gymnast Dipa Karmakar, hockey player P R Sreejesh, Wrestler Bajrang, shuttler K. Srikanth, Kabaddi player Abhilasha Mhatre, Para Swimmer Sharath Gayakwad and Archer Sandeep Kumar were given **Arjuna Awards for 2015**.
  - **The Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime contribution towards sports** was given to **Romeo James for Hockey, Shiv Prakash Mishra for Tennis and T.P.P. Nair for Volleyball**
  - **Dronacharya Award** was conferred on **Coach Anoop Singh** for wrestling, Harbans Singh for athletics, Swatantar Raj Singh for boxing, Nihar Ameen for swimming and Naval Singh for athletics - para-sports.
  - The President also gave the **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award** to Ms Arunima Sinha, Jot Singh, Wing Commander Paramvir Singh, Retired Lt. Col Satyendra Verma and Retired Col. Satish Chander Sharma
  - Directorate General of Military Training , Haryana Police, Coal India Limited and Sports Coaching Foundation, Hyderabad were given **Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar**, for their contribution towards development of sports.
  - **Punjabi University, Patiala** got the **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad trophy (MAKA Trophy)** for best all round performance in **inter university sports**

### The Nobel Prizes 2015

- **The Nobel Prize in Physics -Takaaki Kajita(Japan) and Arthur B. McDonald(Canada)-"for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"**
- **The Nobel Prize in Chemistry -Tomas Lindahl (Sweden), Paul Modrich(USA) and Aziz Sancar(Turkey)-"for mechanistic studies of DNA repair"**
- **The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine -William C. Campbell(USA) and Satoshi Ōmura(Japan)-"for their discoveries concerning a novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites"**
- **Youyou Tu(China)-"for her discoveries concerning a novel therapy against Malaria"**
- **The Nobel Prize in Literature -Svetlana Alexievich (Belarusian). -"for her polyphonic writings, a monument to suffering and courage in our time"**
- **The Nobel Peace Prize 2015-Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet-"for its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011"**

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- **The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2015-Angus Deaton (Britain) -"for his analysis of consumption, poverty, and welfare"**
- **The Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway, on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Every year, while the other prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden.**
- **The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Nobel Prize in Physics, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.**
- **The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute awards the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.**
- **The Swedish Academy grants the Nobel Prize in Literature.**
- **The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded not by a Swedish organization but by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.**



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