

Awards & Honors

1. **Dr Devi Prasad Shetty** has been honored with the **27th Lifetime PC Chandra Puraskaar 2019** at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre.

Note:

- Dr Shetty is India's most reputed cardiac surgeons and humanitarian. Swami Suviranandaji Maharaj, the General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the award.
- The award is a tribute to the founding father of the P. C. Chandra Group, the late Shri Purna Chandra Chandra.

2. Former ISRO Chairman **A S Kiran Kumar** awarded France's highest civilian honour.

Note:

- He was awarded for his contribution to India-France space cooperation. Kumar was the chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from 2015 to 2018.
- Currently, He holds the Chair of the ISRO Committee on Earth Observation Satellites.

3. Former **Sri Lanka batsman Kumar Sangakkara** has been appointed as the first non-British president of **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**.

Note:

- He will take up his one-year post 1st on October 2019. MCC was founded in 1787 and has been based at Lord's, which it owns, since 1814. It is the guardian of the Laws of the game.

4. **Thailand's King** has been crowned with a golden-tiered headpiece, the highlight of **an elaborate three-day** coronation ceremony two years after he ascended the throne **Maha Vajiralongkorn**.

Note:

- Vajiralongkorn was handed the 7.3kg Crown of Victory, which he placed on his head before issuing his first royal command. Vajiralongkorn became king in October 2016 when his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, died after ruling for 70 years.
- The monarchy of Thailand refers to the constitutional monarchy and monarch of the Kingdom of Thailand (formerly Siam).

5. **Israel** honored **Lt. Gen. (retd) Jack Farj Rafael (JFR) Jacob**, with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill.

Note:

- Lt. Gen. (retd) JFR Jacob negotiated the historic surrender of Pakistani troops in Dhaka after the 1971 Bangladesh's liberation war.
- The Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill pays tributes to the heroism and courage of Jewish soldiers who fought in the defence of their countries they lived in "implementing values of bravery, loyalty, commitment and dedication to a mission, leadership, creativity, camaraderie and sanctity of life".

6. International event from the world of cinema Cannes Film Festival (72nd edition) has begun in **France**.

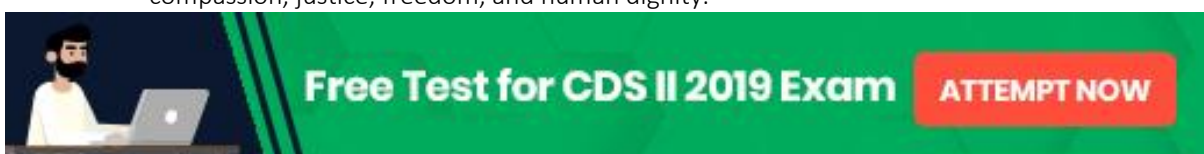
Note:

- American film director Jim Jarmusch's ensemble zombie comedy film *The Dead Don't Die* will serve as the opening film of the festival.
- Mexican filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu will serve as jury President. Indian delegation is leading by Amit Khare (India's Information and Broadcasting Secretary) at Cannes.

7. IPS officer **Chhaya Sharma** has been awarded the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership.

Note:

- Chhaya Sharma led the investigation team of the infamous Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case. The award is given to those who show courage on behalf of human rights, humanitarian compassion, justice, freedom, and human dignity.



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8. **Bollywood Actor Anil Kapoor** will be felicitated by the **Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC)** in India and European Union delegation as part of the **Europe Day** celebrations in Mumbai.

Note:

- Europe Day is celebrated every year on 9th May to mark the formation of the European Union (EU).
 - The actor will be honoured for his decade-long support to promoting the cause of children's rights and his collaboration with the EU and Plan India in their girls' rights endeavours.
9. The second edition of the **United Nations Ocean Conference** will be held in June 2020 at **Lisbon, Portugal**.

Note:

- United Nations Ocean Conference will support the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources, The first edition was held in the United States in 2017.
 - The theme of the 2020 conference will be- Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions.
10. United Nations Office for **Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)** has conferred **Sasakawa Award 2019** for Disaster Risk No Reduction to **Dr Pramod Kumar Mishra**

Note

- The award was announced at the Award Ceremony during the ongoing 6th Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) 2019 at Geneva.
 - A total grant of USD 50,000 is distributed among the winners which can be either organizations or individuals.
 - The theme of the 2019 Sasakawa award was "Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies".
11. **Oman author** has won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for "Celestial Bodies -- **Jokha Alharthi**.

Note:

- Celestial Bodies is the story of three sisters of a desert country confronting its slave-owning past and a complex modern world. Jokha Alharthi will split the 50,000 pounds or 64,000 US dollar purse with her UK-based translator, Marilyn Booth.
 - The Man Booker International Prize is the world's most prestigious English-language literary award launched in 1969 and presented by the Man Group.
 - The award aims at promoting the finest literary work in fiction by rewarding the best novel of the year written in English and published in the United Kingdom (UK).
12. **Former Indian foreign secretary** Shyam Saran conferred with Japan's second highest national award in its 2019 Spring Imperial Decorations.

Note:

- Mr. Saran will be awarded 'the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' for his contributions to strengthen the strategic ties and enhancing mutual understanding between India and Japan.
 - Shyam Saran was India's Foreign Secretary during 2004-2006. 'The Order of the Rising Sun' is a Japanese government honour established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji.
13. Indian peacekeeper Police Officer **Jitender Kumar** will be honored with a prestigious UN medal 2019 for courage and sacrifice in the line of duty.

Note:

- Mr. Kumar made the supreme sacrifice while serving in the United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Central African country of Congo.
- He will be honored posthumously with the Dag Hammarskjold Medal as the world organization observes the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.



14. South Korean director "Parasite" bagged the Palme d'Or at the closing ceremony of 72nd Cannes Film Festival in France -- Bong **Joon Ho**.

Note:

- Belgium's Dardenne brothers won the best director award for their story of a radicalised Muslim youth "Young Ahmed".
- British actress Emily Beecham won the best actress award for psychological chiller "Little Joe". Antonio Banderas named the best actor for his role of a filmmaker in Pedro Almodovar's self-reflexive "Pain and Glory".
- The Jury Prize was shared by two films -- French-Malian Ladj Ly's "Les Misérables" and the Brazilian entry "Bacurau", directed by Kleber Mendonça Filho and Juliano Dornelles.

15. **Acharya Balkrishna** received 'UNSDG 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award'.

Note:

- The United Nations had chosen Acharya Balkrishna, among the 10 most influential people in healthcare.
- Mr. Balakrishna has been invited to Geneva (UN Headquarters) to deliver a talk among other speakers from UNICEF and WHO.
- Acharya Balkrishna is the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Patanjali Ayurveda. Patanjali Ayurveda Limited is an Indian consumer personal care product, among other consumer items.

16. **Artist Nalini Malani** has won the seventh edition of the **Joan Miró Prize**.

Note:

- Miro international award is considered one of the **most prestigious art** awards in the world. The recipient gets prize money of 70,000-Euro (\$78,000) cash prize.
- Malani (born in Karachi in 1946) is a film, photography, installation, video art and performance artist.

17. **Nobel laureate** and American physicist **Murray Gell-Mann** passed away at his home.

Note:

- Gell-Mann transformed physics by devising a method for sorting subatomic particles into simple groups of eight based on an electric charge, spin and other characteristics.
- He called his method the "eightfold way" after the Buddhist Eightfold Path to enlightenment. Mr. Mann received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1969 for his work on the theory of elementary particles.

18. The **architectural heritage of Orchha town** (Madhya Pradesh) has been included in UNESCO's tentative list of world heritage sites following a proposal sent by the **Archaeological Survey of India** (ASI) to the U.N. body.

Note:

- The **heritage of Orchha town depict** the peculiar style of the Bundela dynasty. Orchha is situated on the banks of the Betwa river, located around 80 km away from Tikamgarh district in Madhya Pradesh.
- Orchha was built by king Rūdra Pratap Singh of Bundela dynasty in the 16th century. It was included in the proposal sent by the ASI to the UN body on 15th April 2019.

19. Freelance Indian writer 'Annie Zaidi' has won the Nine Dots Prize 2019.

Note:

- It is a prestigious book prize created to award innovative thinking that addresses contemporary issues around the world.
- The winner of the Nine Dots Prize is supported to develop their response into a full-length book, which is published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) and given the opportunity to spend a term at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), Cambridge University.



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