

Awards and Honours of (Jan - April) 2021



Awards and Honours: January 2021

1. **Department of Post** has won the gold icon award in the category, 'Excellence in Digital Governance Ministry/Department (Central)' in the 6th Digital India Awards (DIA) 2020.

a. Note: President of India, Ram Nath Kovind conferred 6th Digital India Awards (DIA) 2020 through video conferencing in a virtual awards ceremony. 24 digital governance initiatives/ products by Government entities under 7 categories received Digital India Awards 2020. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) organized the awards online. The Department of Post won the gold icon award in the category, 'Excellence in Digital Governance Ministry/Department (Central)' for implementing an IT application in the land registration system in India, named as a National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS).

2. India's richest man Mukesh Ambani, the chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries limited (RIL) dropped down to **12th** position in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021.

a. Note: The net worth of Ambani dropped from 90 billion USD (around Rs. 6.62 lakh crore) (in early 2020) to 76.7 billion USD (around Rs. 5.6 lakh crore). The drop in the net worth of Mukesh Ambani was due to the correction in the shares of RIL which has fallen to Rs.1995.50 on 30th December 2020, which is 16% from its all-time high of Rs.2369.35. Zhong Shanshan, referred to as "Lone Wolf", has replaced Ambani as Asia's richest person, he is one of the fastest in the history to achieve the feat.

3. **Elon Musk** has become the world's richest person according to Bloomberg Billionaires Index surpassing Amazon's Jeff Bezos.

a. Note: Musk had a net worth of more than \$188.5 billion, \$1.5 billion more than Bezos. Mukesh Ambani is now 13th richest in the world. Zhong Shanshan, chairman of Chinese bottled- water company Nongfu Spring, become Asia's richest person and 6th richest person in the world.

4. **Medical Institution JIPMER** was awarded the second prize under the Kayakalp Awards scheme in category 'Group A' Central government health facilities.

a. Note: These awards are meant for health facilities with the highest standards of sanitation and hygiene and are given annually by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Union Minister for Health Harsh Vardhan, along with Minister of State for Health Ashwini Kumar Choubey, presented the awards via video conferencing.

5. **Medical Institutions AIIMS, Bhubneswar** has received the best central government hospital under Category B of the Kayakalp Awards for cleanliness for the third consecutive time.

a. Note: The Rairangpur Sub Divisional Hospital of Mayurbhanj district was felicitated as the best Sub-divisional hospital community health centre category. Rani Durgavati Hospital received the award for the fourth time consecutively

6. Who has been honoured by the Hindi Writers Guild, Canada for his literary work Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

a. Note:

b. Nishank was conferred with the "Sahitya Gaurav Samman" in the presence of the Governor through a virtual programme.

c. India's High Commissioner in Canada Ajay Bisaria was also present on the occasion.

7. Who has been conferred with Quaide Milleth Awards 2021 _____ **Bilkis dadi.**

a. Note:

b. Dadi was the face of the Shaheen Bagh anti-CAA protests.

c. Both were awarded for Probity in Political and Public Life at the India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.

d. The award consists of a shawl, citation and cash of ₹2.5 lakh.

8. Who has been chosen for 'Press Club Person of the Year' given by the Press Club of Bangalore _____ **Azim Premji.**

a. Note:

b. The founder chairman of Narayana Health Dr Devi Prasad Shetty and actor-Director Sudeep Sanjeev have been selected for the 'Press Club Special Award.'

c. Besides them 25 senior journalists have been selected for the 'Press Club Annual Awards'.

d. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will facilitate the awardees at a function scheduled for the third week of February.

9. Who has been conferred with 'Indian Personality of the Year' at International Film Festival of India (IFFI) _____ **Biswajit Chatterjee.**

a. Note:

b. The Award has been announced at the opening ceremony of the festival, by Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar.

c. Biswajit Chatterjee is known for his roles of Kumar Vijay Singh in Bees Saal Baad, Raja Amit Kumar Singh in Kohra, Ashok in April Fool, Ramesh Kumar in Mere Sanam, Jeevan in Night In London, Shekhar in Do Kaliyaan and Vicky in Kismat.

10. Who has been named as the Business Standard Banker of the year for 2019-20 _____ **Shyam Srinivasan.**

a. Note:

b. Shyam Srinivasan, managing director and chief executive officer (CEO) of Federal Bank has been named as Business Standard Banker of the Year for 2019-20 for his bank's consistent healthy performance at a time when most of its peers witnessed large stress on asset quality, registered losses, or even invited regulatory actions.

c. The unanimous decision was taken by a high-profile jury of five, chaired by former Reserve Bank of India deputy governor S S Mundra.

11. Who became the 1st woman fighter pilot to take part in the Republic Day parade ___ **Bhawana Kanth.**

a. Note:

b. She was a part of the Indian Air Force's tableau in the 2021 Republic Day Parade that will showcase mock-ups of the light combat helicopter, light combat aircraft, and the Sukhoi-30 fighter plane.

12. Which institution has been conferred with the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2021 award for their contribution in disaster management _____ **Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS).**

a. Note:

b. The award is announced every year on January 23, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The award carries a cash prize of ₹51 lakh and a certificate in case of an institution and ₹five lakh and a certificate in case of an individual.

c. The award is given to recognise and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals

and organisations in India in the field of disaster management by the central government.

13. Nikhil Srivastava from India has been named winner of the prestigious 2021 Michael and Sheila Held Prize along with two others. The prize was given to him in which field _____ **Mathematics**.

a. Note:

b. Srivastava from the University of California, Berkeley, Adam Marcus, the Ecole polytechnique federale de Lausanne (EPFL) and Daniel Alan Spielman from Yale University will receive the 2021 Michael and Sheila Held Prize, the National Academy of Sciences said in the statement.

c. The prize consists of a medal and USD 100,000.

14. Who has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for excellent work in Disaster Management _____ **Rajendra Kumar Bhandari**.

a. Note:

b. Union Home Ministry announced the award every year on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The award carries a cash prize of 51 lakh rupees and a certificate in case of an institution and five lakh rupees and a certificate in case of an individual.

c. Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society, SEEDS has done commendable work in building community resilience to disasters.

Awards and Honours: February 2021

1. Which word has been named as the Hindi word of the year 2020 by Oxford Languages _____ **Aatmanirbharta**.

Note:

☑ The word was chosen by an advisory panel of language experts Kritika Agrawal, Poonam Nigam Sahay and Imogen Foxell.

☑ The Oxford Hindi word of the year is a word or expression that is chosen to reflect the ethos, mood, or preoccupations of the passing year, and have lasting potential as a term of cultural significance.

2. Name the Indian cricketer who has been named as ICC Men's Player of the Month award for January 2021 _____ **Rishabh Pant**.

Note:

☑ The International Cricket Council announced the nominees for the inaugural Player of the Month Awards which will "recognise and celebrate the best performances from both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket throughout the year".

3. Name the Australian cricketers who has been inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame _____ **Merv Hughes**.

Note:

☑ Australian cricket board has described him as the larrikin who demolished batting line-ups all over the world

☑ He played 53 Tests and 33 ODIs for Australia in a career spanning from 1985 to 1994, during which he captured 212 Test wickets at an average of 28.38 and 38 ODI wicket.

☑ He became selector for Australian cricket team in 2005.

4. Who has become the youngest female pilot of India _____ **Ayesha Aziz**.

Note:

☑ In the year 2011, Aziz became the youngest student pilot to get a license at the age of 15 and underwent training to fly a MIG-29 jet at Russia's Sokol airbase the following year.

☑ She later graduated in aviation from the Bombay Flying Club (BFC) and obtained a commercial license in 2017.

5. Who conferred with the 4th edition of Alert Being Awards 2020 by NGO 'ALERT' for Good Samaritan work _____ **AR Rahman.**

Note:

- ☑ Apart from him, social activist Saidapet Hari Krishnan and 13 other people were also awarded.
- ☑ 156 nominations from 15 States and 35 districts across India were received for the awards, out of which 14 real-life heroes (individuals and organisations) who saved lives in 2020 were selected for the awards.

6. Name the Indian documentary film that has won the audience award in the World Cinema Documentary category at the Sundance Film Festival 2021 _____ **Writing with Fire.**

Note:

- ☑ The festival, which started from January 28 and will close on February 3, is presented by Sundance Organisation, a nonprofit that discovers and supports independent artists, and introduces audiences to their work.
- ☑ "Writing with Fire", which also marks the feature debut of directors Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh, follows this ambitious group of Dalit women -- led by their chief reporter, Meera -- as the team switches from print to digital in order to stay relevant.

7. Who has been conferred with the Business Leader of the Year at The Economic Times Award for Corporate Excellence 2020 _____ **Pawan Munjal.**

Note:

- ☑ The Jury for the awards was led by Sundar Pichai, the chief executive officer of Alphabet Inc and its subsidiary Google.
- ☑ Shaktikanta Das, governor of the Reserve Bank of India, was the jury's choice for Business Reformer of the Year.

8. Who is the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award at The Economic Times Award for Corporate Excellence 2020 _____ **Aditya Puri.**

Note:

- ☑ After more than a quarter century at HDFC Bank, he left a bank worth Rs 7.73 lakh crore with a balance-sheet size of Rs 16 lakh crore and net bad loans of a minuscule 0.17%.
- ☑ The Jury for the awards was led by Sundar Pichai, the chief executive officer of Alphabet Inc and its subsidiary Google.

9. Who has won the Allan Border Medal for the period 2020-21 _____ **Steve Smith.**

Note:

- ☑ The Allan Border Medal recognises the most outstanding male Australian cricketer of the past season as voted by his peers, the media and umpires.
- ☑ Apart from this, Beth Mooney bagged Belinda Clarke Award, the top honour for a female player at the Australian Cricket Awards.

10. Which airport has won the global recognition from the Airports Council International World's 'Voice of the Customer' award _____ **Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL).**

Note:

- ☑ The 'Voice of the Customer' initiative by the Airports Council International World recognises airports that continued to prioritise their customers and remained committed to ensuring that their voice was heard during the novel coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

11. Name the Indian Activist who has been featured in the “2021 TIME100 Next”, the TIME magazine’s annual list of 100 “emerging leaders’ ____ **Chandra Shekhar Aazad.**

Note:

- i. Vijaya Gadde (Twitter’s lawyer), Rishi Sunak (UK FM), Apoorva Mehta (Instacart CEO) Shikha Gupta (ED Get Us ii. PPE) are featured in the list.
- iii. Bhim Army chief Chandra Shekhar Aazad is also on the list.
- iv. The 2021 TIME100 Next is an expansion of TIME’s flagship TIME100 franchise of the most influential people in the world.

12. Name the Indian-American scientist who led the guidance, navigation, and control operations of NASA’s Mars 2020 Mission__ **SwatiMohan**

Note:

- ☑ Raised in Northern Virginia and Washington DC metro area, she completed her bachelor's degree from Cornell University in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, and her M.S. and Ph.D from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Aeronautics/Astronautics.
- ☑ NASA's science rover Perseverance landed on the MARS on February 18, 2021.

13. Who has been conferred with best actor male award at Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival awards 2021 _____ **Akshay Kumar.**

Note:

- ☑ The award season 2021 continues as Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards honoured the best in film, television, music and the new addition, OTT
- ☑ Akshay Kumar was declared best actor (male) in the horror-comedy Laxmii, which was a remake of hit Tamil film Kanchana (2011).

14. Who has been conferred with best actor female award at Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival awards 2021 _____ **Deepika Padukone.**

Note:

- ☑ The award season 2021 continues as Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards honoured the best in film, television, music and the new addition, OTT
- ☑ Deepika won the best actor (female) award for her performance in Meghna Gulzar’s Chhapaak that told the story of
- ☑ acid attack survivor Laxmi Aggarwal.

15. Who has been chosen for CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award 2021 for in recognition of his commitment to sustainability in the energy and the environment _____ **Narendra Modi**

Note:

- ☑ CERAWeek by IHS Markit--the world's preeminent energy conference--will be held virtually March 1-5. 2021 marks the 39th edition of the conference and is the first time that it will be an all-virtual event.
- ☑ Prime Minister Modi will participate in a special plenary with Daniel Yergin, vice chairman of IHS Markit and conference chair on March 5.

16. Which organization has been conferred with the Genome Valley Excellence Award for the year 2021 during the BioAsia 2021 ____ **Bharat Biotech.**

Note:

- ☑ A prestigious award, it is an integral part of BioAsia, the biotechnology and Life Sciences conference Telangana government organises every year.

☑ Bharat Biotech is being presented the Genome Valley Excellence Award for 2021 for its “breakthrough, pioneering research, development and commercialisation of vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin.

Awards and Honours: March 2021

1. Who received the Best Woman Boxer of the Tournament Award at the 30th Youth International Boxing Tournament ‘Adriatic Pearl’ ____ **Vinka**.

Note:

☑ For her magnificent show, Vinka received the Best Woman Boxer of the Tournament award.

☑ With two medals in the men's category, the 19-member Indian team concluded its campaign with an overall second position (12 medals).

2. According to Hurun Global Rich List 2021, Reliance Industries (RIL) chairman, what is the rank of Mukesh Ambani as the richest person of the world ____ **8th**.

Note:

☑ The List was topped by Elon Musk (CEO of Tesla), Jeff Bezos (CEO of Amazon) & Bernard Arnault (CEO of LVMH- Louis Vuitton).

☑ Hurun Global Rich List 2021 is the 10th Year of ranking. It ranked 3, 228 Billionaires from 2, 402 companies & 68 countries

3. According to the 10th Edition of Hurun Global Rich List 2021 who emerged as the richest person of the world **Elon Musk**.

Note:

☑ Tesla chief Elon Musk bagged the top spot with net worth \$197 billion.

☑ Jeff Bezos ranked second with \$189 billion net worth, followed by Bernard Arnault

☑ Asia’s richest person and Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani is ranked 8th

☑ Total wealth of all billionaires across the globe surged 32% (\$3.5 trillion) in 2020.

4. Who has been declared as the winner of the 30th Bihari Puraskar for 2020 for his Hindi book of Criticism, titled Taslima: **Sangharsh aur Sahitya Mohankrishna Bohara**.

Note:

☑ Mohankrishna Bohara will be awarded 30th Bihari Puraskar for 2020 for his Hindi book of Criticism, titled Taslima: Sangharsh aur Sahitya in New Delhi

☑ His book was published in 2016.

☑ Bihari Puraskar: It carries an award money of two lakh 50 thousand rupees, a Citation and Plaque. It is one of the three literary awards instituted by K.K. Birla Foundation in 1991.

5. Who has been adjudged as the BBC India Sportswoman of the Year award for 2020 ____ **Koneru Humpy**.

Note:

☑ The award was based on a public vote in which Humpy beat sprinter Dutee Chand, shooter Manu Bhaker, wrestler Vinesh Phogat and hockey captain Rani Rampal.

☑ Humpy won the World Rapid Chess Championship in December 2019 after a two-year maternity break.

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☑ She then won the Cairns Cup in 2020.

6. Who will be conferred with the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) Award 2021 ____ **Amitabh Bachchan**.

Note:

☑ The veteran actor will be the first Indian cinema personality to be bestowed with the FIAF Award for his dedication and contribution to the preservation of the world's film heritage.

☑ Hollywood filmmakers and previous recipients of the FIAF Award — Martin Scorsese and Christopher Nolan — will present the award to Bachchan during a virtual showcase scheduled to take place on March 19.

7. President Ram Nath Kovind presented a decorated with the emblem of the Indian Republic and a letter of appreciation to _____ **Kiran Bedi**.

Note:

☑ Kiran Bedi was removed as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry on February 16 by the President of India and Tamilisai Soundararajan took additional charge as the Lieutenant Governor on February 18.

8. Name the Indian women who has been conferred with the Top 20 Global Women of Excellence Award for 2020 at a US event ____ **Tamilisai Soundararajan**.

Note:

☑ She joined a league of extraordinary women achievers across the world chosen for the award, including US Vice President Kamala Harris.

☑ The award instituted by the US Congressional Multi Advisory Task Force led by Congressman Danny K. Davis, Representative of Illinois's 7th Congressional district, was presented during the 9th Congressional International Women's Day Gala at Naperville, Illinois

9. What edition of the annual Grammy Awards was held in 2021 ____ **63rd**.

Note:

☑ The 2021 Grammy awards recognized the best recordings, compositions, and artists of the eligibility year, between September 1, 2019, to August 31, 2020.

☑ The award is presented by The Recording Academy to recognize achievements in the American music industry.

☑ Beyonce received the most nominations with nine, as well as the most awards with four.

10. Who has been honoured with a nomination for the International Woman of Courage (IWOC) Award by the U.S. Consulate _____ **Gowsalya Shankar**.

Note:

☑ Gowsalya Shankar is Tamil Nadu-based anti-caste activist and human rights defender

☑ The IWOC Award Certificate of Nomination was handed over to her by U.S. Consul General in Chennai Judith Ravinat an event 'Courageous Women Inspire a Better World' held in the city.

11. In how many languages the annual Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021 is announced ____ **20**.

Note:

☑ Seven books of poetry, four of the novel, Five short stories, two plays, and one each of memoirs and epic poetry in 20 Indian languages.

☑ The awards for Malayalam, Nepali, Odia and Rajasthani will be announced later.

☑ Sahitya Akademi Award is a literary honour in India.

12. What edition of National Film Award announced this year (2021) ____ **67th**.

Note:

- ☑ The event is organised by the Directorate of Film Festivals, which comes under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ☑ Director Priyadarshan's Malayalam war epic Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea, that is headlined by Mohanlal, won Best Feature Film.
- ☑ The best acting honours went to Manoj Bajapayee for Bhonsle, Dhanush for Tamil film Asuran, and Kangana Ranaut for two of her films: Panga and Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi.

13. Which film has won the best feature film award at the 67th National Film Award ceremony Marakkar: **Lion of the Arabian Sea**.

Note:

- ☑ The best acting honours went to Manoj Bajapayee for Bhonsle, Dhanush for Tamil film Asuran, and Kangana Ranaut for two of her films: Panga and Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi.
- ☑ Vijay Sethupathi (Super Deluxe) and Pallavi Joshi (The Tashkent Files) won the supporting actor awards, while director Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan was awarded for Bahattar Hoorain

14. Who has been conferred with the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020 Bangabandhu ____ **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**.

Note:

- o The Gandhi Peace Prize is an annual award instituted by government of India since 1995, the 125th birth anniversary commemoration year of Mahatma Gandhi. The award is open to all people regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or sex.
- o The award carries an amount of Rs 1 crore, a citation, plaque and an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item.

15. Who has been conferred with the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2019 ____ **Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said**.

Note:

- ☑ The Gandhi Peace Prize is an annual award instituted by government of India since 1995, the 125th birth anniversary commemoration year of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ☑ The award is open to all people regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or sex.
- ☑ The award carries an amount of Rs 1 crore, a citation, plaque and an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item.

16. Who will be honoured with the prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan Award for the year 2020 ____ **Asha Bhosle**.

Note

The award, instituted in 1996 by the State government to recognise distinguished work and achievements of eminent persons from the State, representing different walks of life, carries a cash prize of ₹10 lakh and a citation.

The first Maharashtra Bhushan awardee was Marathi writer P.L. Deshpande and the last winner of this award was historian Babasaheb Purandare who got it for the year 2015.

17. Who will be conferred with the prestigious Vyas Samman 2020 _____ **Sharad Pagare.**

Note:

The Vyas Samman, started in 1991, is given by K K Birla Foundation for an outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.

It carries an award of four lakh rupees along with a citation and plaque.

18. Who has won the won EY Entrepreneur of the year award 2020 and will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY)_____ **Harsh C. Mariwala.**

Note:

Mariwala, and will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) on 10 June 2021. Awards were also announced for eight other categories with the winners representing both mature industries and young entrepreneurs from startups including Unicorns and a Decacorn.

19. Who has won the prestigious International Ranger Award for his contribution towards forest conservation _____ **Mahinder Giri.**

Note:

☑ He is the only ranger from Asia to win the prestigious award.

☑ Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar has congratulated him for the award.

20. The Parliament of which country has passed a legislation that allows the mothers and their partners who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth the right of paid leave_____ **New Zealand.**

Note:

New Zealand's parliament has passed legislation giving mothers and their partners the right to paid leave following a miscarriage or still birth, becoming only the second country in the world to do so.

The bereavement allowance, passed unanimously in parliament late on Wednesday, gives employees three days leave when a pregnancy ends with a stillbirth without having to tap into sick leave.

Awards and Honours: April 2021

1. Who has been selected for the Saraswati Samman 2020 by the KK Birla Foundation_____ **Dr. Sharankumar Limbale.**

Note:

- The Saraswati Samman 2020 marks the 30th Saraswati Samman.
- The book – Sanatan, features the story of socio-cultural struggles of the untouchables.
- The Saraswati Samman is an annual award instituted by KK Birla Foundation in 1991.
- It is one of the highest literary awards in India.

2. Who will be conferred with the he prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2019 _____ **Rajinikanth.**

Note:

- India's highest honour in cinema
- Presented by: Directorate of Film Festivals
- It is named after Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, who is revered as the father of Indian cinema
- It was instituted in 1969.
- The recipient receives a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.

3. Which novel has won the National Book Critics Circle prize for fiction_____ **Hamnet**.

Note:

- a. Maggie O’Farrell’s Hamnet has been conferred with National Book Critics Circle prize for fiction
- b. Hamnet: Well-timed story for the current pandemic, explores the impact of the boy’s illness and death on his family. He was Shakespeare’s only son.

4. Who has been conferred with the Kalinga Ratna Samman for the year 2021 _____**Biswabhusan Harichandan**.

Note:

- a. It was given by M. Venkaiah Naidu during 600th Birth Anniversary of Adikabi Sarala Das and 40th celebrations of Sarala Sahitya Sansad
- b. The award carried a silver statue of Goddess Saraswati and a copper plaque
- c. Sarala Das was an excellent literary genius of 15th century who is well known as Adi Kavi, who contributed to epic literary works in Odia.

5. Who has won the 2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) A.M. Turing Award, known informally as the “Nobel Prize of computing _____**Alfred V. Aho**.

Note:

- a. Lawrence Gussman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science, Alfred V. Aho has won the 2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) A.M. Turing Award, known informally as the “Nobel Prize of computing.” Aho shares the award with his long-time collaborator Jeffrey David Ullman.
- b. Aho and Ullman began working together at Bell Labs in 1967 and their early efforts included developing efficient algorithms for analyzing and translating programming languages.

6. Who has topped Forbes’ annual world’s billionaires list 2021_____ **Jeff Bezos**.

Note:

- a. Jeff Bezos has topped the Forbes’ annual world’s billionaires list 2021 for the fourth consecutive year.
- b. India’s richest billionaire Mukesh Ambani ranked at 10th position with total net worth of \$ 84.5 billion.
- c. Elon Musk stood second, followed by Bernard Arnault, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg

7. Who has been selected for 2021 GD Birla Award for Scientific Research _____**Suman Chakraborty**.

Note:

- a. Suman Chakraborty has been selected for 2021 GD Birla Award for Scientific Research.
- b. He is a faculty member at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, has been chosen for his outstanding contribution to engineering science and its applications in developing technologies for affordable healthcare

8. Who has been awarded with the famous Devishankar Awasthi Award 2021 _____**Ashutosh Bhardwaj**.

Note:

- a. This honour has been given to him for his work ‘Pitra-Vadh’.
- b. He was elected by the selection committee of Ashok Vajpayee, Nandkishore Acharya, and Rajendra Kumar.

9. Who has been inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame Class of 2021 _____**Great Khali**.

Note:

a. The Great Khali went on to battle many of WWE's most legendary Superstars, including John Cena, Batista, Shawn Michaels and fellow 2021 Inductee Kane, whom he defeated to pick up his first win on The Grandest Stage of Them All, WrestleMania.

10. Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres, will receive Veerni Award instituted by which state _____ **Chhattisgarh**.

Note:

a. The award, instituted by the Chhattisgarh state government, recognises contribution of Indian women in different fields, including sports.

b. In 2019, the Odisha sprinter became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the World University Games held in Italy.

11. Which film has won the best picture at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) 2021 _____ **Nomadland**.

Note:

a. The awards were given during a pandemic-curbed ceremony that recognized a diverse array of screen talent.

b. "Nomadland" filmmaker Chloe Zhao became only the second woman, and the first woman of color, to win the BAFTA for best director, and star Frances McDormand was named best actress.

12. Who will be conferred with honour of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres), the second-highest civilian French honour _____ **Guneet Monga**.

Note:

a. This honour has earlier been given to Hollywood stars like Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Bruce Willis.

b. Revelling in her recent success with Umesh Bist's Pagglait starring Sanya Malhotra, this is another proud moment for Monga.

c. The French Consulate has decided to offer the title Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres to Guneet Monga for her varied accomplishments going past geographical and demographical boundaries.

13. Who has won the Sir Richard Hadlee medal 2021 _____ **Kane Williamson**.

Note:

a. He had a great test season. He scored 251 against West Indies followed by a century on the boxing day.

b. Williamson's staggering performance against Pakistan helped New Zealand book a place in the ICC World Test

c. Championship final.

14. Who has been named as Wisden's leading cricketer of the year for the second consecutive year _____ **Ben Stokes**.

Note:

a. Stokes, 29, is the first Englishman to win the award twice since its inception in 2004.

b. He scored more Test runs than any other batsman in 2020, with 641 in seven matches, while also taking 19 wickets.

c. Kent all-rounder Darren Stevens has become the oldest person since 1933 to be named as one of Wisden's five Cricketers of the Year.

15. Who has been given the 2021 'Leading Woman Cricketer in the World' award by Wisden' _____ **Beth Mooney**.

Note:

a. Mooney was considered the overwhelming choice for the accolade after also being voted the player of the T20 World Cup in which she played such a huge part in Australia's triumph, with innings of 81 not out, 60, 28, and 78 not out in the final at the MCG against India.

16. Who has been declared as the winner of 2020 ACM A.M. Turing Award also known as the Nobel Prize of Computing _____ **Alfred VainoAho & Jeffrey David Ullman**.

Note:

a. The award was presented to them for fundamental algorithms and theory on programming language implementation.

b. The award is also referred to as the Nobel Prize of Computing.

c. Alfred VainoAho is the Lawrence Gussman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at Columbia University

d. Jeffrey David Ullman is the Stanford W. Ascherman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at Stanford University.

17. Which state has won the "E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021" ranking first under Category I _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

a. The award recognises the efforts of UP in implementing the e-applications developed by the Centre and other applications developed by the State Government.

b. Uttar Pradesh was followed by Assam and Chhattisgarh in 2nd rank and Odisha and Tamil Nadu in 3rd rank.

c. The award was instituted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj(MoPR) to promote the use of ICT in monitoring the works of gram panchayats.

18. Who become the first Indian and Asian woman to be chosen for the 2021 'WILD Innovator Award' given by the 'WILD ELEMENTS Foundation _____ **Krithi K Karanth**.

Note:

a. This award given by the 'WILD ELEMENTS Foundation' brings together a coalition of innovators, advocates and partners to "disrupt the status quo and identify solutions to global sustainability and conservation.

19. Along with Jio Platform which company have figured in Time Magazine's first-ever list of 100 Most Influential Companies _____ **Byju's**.

Note:

a. It listed Jio Platforms under the Innovators category alongside Zoom, Adidas, TikTok, Ikea, Moderna and Netflix.

b. Byju's was listed alongside Tesla, Huawei, Shopify, Airbnb and DiDi Chuxing in the Disruptors category



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