

Current Affairs (2023): Awards At a Glance

- * **Nobel Prize 2023:** Announced by the Swedish Academy from 2nd to 5th October 2023

Nobel Prize Category	Winner	Work
Physiology/Medicine	Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman	mRNA vaccines
Physics	Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and Anne L'Huillier	For Experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light
Chemistry	Moungi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus and Alexei I. Ekimov	Discovery and Synthesis of Quantum Dots
Literature	Jon Fosse	For his Innovative plays and prose
Peace	Narges Mohammadi	For her fight against the oppression of women in Iran
The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences	Claudia Goldin	Understanding of Women's labour market outcomes

- * **54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI):** 20th – 28th November 2023

Award	Given to
Golden Peacock Best Film	Endless Borders
Best Actor–Male	Pouria Rahimi Sam for 'Endless Borders'
Best Actor (Female)	Melanie Thierry for 'Party of Fools'
Best Director	Stephan Komandarev for 'Blaga's Lessons'
Special Jury Award	Rishab Shetty For 'Kantara'

- * **Marconi Prize 2023-** Computer scientist **Hari Balakrishnan** has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize. Dr. Balakrishnan has been cited "**for Fundamental Contributions to wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems**".
- * **Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023-** Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman is presented in order to **honor women champions** of rural water and sanitation sector. 36 women WASH Champions were conferred with the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023' by the President of India and Union Minister of Jal Shakti.
- * **Oscar Award 2023-** 95th Academy Awards ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, took place on March 12, 2023, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles.

Category	Awarded to
Best Picture 2023	Everything Everywhere All At Once
Best Actor 2023	Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
Best Actress 2023	Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
Best Animated Film	Guillermo del Toro's 'Pinocchio'
Best Documentary	Elephant Whisperers
Best Original Song	Naatu Naatu

- * **National Award for e-Governance 2023-** SVAMITVA Scheme, a brainchild of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, represents a revolutionary initiative aimed at granting property ownership rights to individuals residing in village-inhabited areas for which it won the National Award for e-Governance 2023.
- * **96th Oscar Nominations 2024-** To be hosted by the charismatic television host and comedian Jimmy Kimmel. Barbie,' 'Oppenheimer,' 'Killers of the Flower Moon,' and 'Society of the Snow' films emerged as prominent contenders across various categories.
- * **Leif Erikson Lunar Prize 2023-** ISRO was awarded the Leif Erikson Lunar Prize, underscoring its unwavering commitment to lunar exploration, with a focus on the groundbreaking Chandrayaan-3 mission.
- * **Bhutan's National Order of Merit-** Dr. Poonam Khetrpal Singh, the Regional Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) South-East Asia, has been honored with Bhutan's National Order of Merit (NOM) Gold Medal.

- * **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize-** Awarded to poet-critic Sukrita Paul Kumar as its 6th recipient for her book, "Salt & Pepper: Selected Poems".

- * **Golden Bengal Tiger Award 2023-** Children of Nobody' won the award, an Israeli drama highlights overlooked individuals, inspired by a true story.

- * **Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023-** Announced in 24 languages. 9 books of poetry, 6 of novels, 5 of short stories, 3 Essays and 1 Literary Study have won the Awards.

- * **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace 2023-** Jointly conferred upon renowned classical pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim and Palestinian peace activist Ali Abu Awwad.

- * **33rd Vyas Samman 2023-** Honor the accomplished Hindi writer Pushpa Bharati for her 2016 memoir, "Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein." The award is bestowed by the KK Birla Foundation, recognizing outstanding contributions to Hindi literature.

- * **Dada Saheb Phalke Award 2023-** Veteran actor Waheeda Rehman is the recipient of the 53rd Dadasaheb Phalke Award, India's highest film honor. She was known for her beauty and acting skills, has left an indelible mark on Indian cinema.

- * **2023 Booker Prize-** Paul Lynch who is an Irish author won the 2023 Booker prize for his 5th novel 'Prophet Song' beating London-based Indian-origin author Chetna Maroo's debut novel "Western Lane".

- * **Stars Asian International Film Festival 2023-** Ishwak Singh won the Best Actor award at the Stars Asian International Film Festival (SAIFF) for his performance in the film 'Berlin,' serving as a testament to the universal appeal of his work.

- * **Grammy Awards 2024-** Grammy Award-winning Indian vocalist Falguni Shah has been nominated for Best Global Music Performance at the 2024 Grammy Awards for her song "Abundance in Millets," featuring a speech by PM Modi.

- * **Global Indian Award-** Sudha Murty, the renowned author, philanthropist and wife of Infosys co-founder NR Narayana Murthy, became the first woman to receive Global Indian Award by the Canada India Foundation (CIF) at a grand Indo-Canadian gala in Toronto.

- * **2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize-** Mathematician Ruixiang Zhang, an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, receives the 2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for his pioneering contributions in number theory.

- * **65th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2023/ 'Nobel Prize of Asia',** is a notable accolade that represents Exceptional Spirit and Influential Leadership'

Name	Country	Contribution
Dr Ravi Kannan R.	India	Strong devotion to his Medical profession
Miriam Coronel-Ferrer	Philippines	Unwavering belief in the transformative power of non-violent strategies in peace building
Korvi Rakshand	Bangladesh	Developing Inclusive Education
Eugenio Lemos	Timor-Leste	Notable contributions to how young Timorese views nature and their surroundings.

- * **Bharat Ratna to late Bihar leader Karpoori Thakur-** Announced by Central Government on the birth centenary year of Karpoori Thakur known as 'Jannayak' or people's leader, Thakur was CM twice and pioneered social justice policies despite hailing from a marginalized caste himself.

- * **National Startup Awards 2023-** On National Startup Day, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) revealed the winners of National Startup Awards 2023.

- * **Best Environment Officer Award-** Deepa Bhandare made history by winning the distinguished Best Environment Officer Award, becoming the sole woman in Maharashtra's sugar industry to achieve this honour in its long history.