



# AWARDS

## Basava Award For 2010

The Karnataka State government on 1 December 2011 announced its decision to confer the prestigious Basava Sri Award for the year 2010 on noted environment activist Medha Patkar. Social activist and Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar was chosen for the Basava award for the year 2010 for excellence in service in the social sector. Basava Sri Award was instituted by the Karnataka government.

Kannada and Culture Minister Govind Karjol declared the award carries a purse of Rs 10 lakh and a citation. It was also declared that the Jakanachari Award for the year 2009 and 2010 will be conferred on K C Puttannachar and Venkatachalapati respectively. The Amarashilipi Jakanachari award is given to talented sculptors and craftsmen. The award was previously won by sculptors K C Puttannachar and Venkatachalapathi for the year 2009 and 2010 respectively. The Santa Shishunala Sharief Award for 2009 and 2010 is to be conferred on T V Raju and B K Sumitra, respectively. Both Jakanachari Award and Santa

Shishunala Sharief Award carry a prize money of Rs three lakh and a citation.

## 20th Saraswati Samman

Eminent Kannada author S. L. Bhyrappa was presented with 20th Saraswati Samman in literature for 2010 for his epic novel Mandra on 16 November 2011. The Saraswati Samman is awarded by the K. K. Birla Foundation to a work published in the last 10 years, selected from among works published in 25 Indian languages. The award carries a prize of Rs.7.5 lakh.

## People's Parliament Global Award

A traditional tribal institution of Meghalaya on 4 November 2011 announced Former South African President Nelson Mandela the winner of People's Parliament Global Award. Grand Council of Chiefs of Meghalaya (GCCM) chairman John F. Kharshiing declared that Mandela

was chosen for the award because of his sacrifice for the struggle against apartheid. Besides, three journalists — Aroon Purie, Rajdeep Sardesai and Arnab Goswami would also be given the People's Parliament National Awards for their unbiased, ethical and investigative reporting. These awards, instituted by GCCM, would be conferred at a function to be held at Asananggre near Tura in West Garo Hills District on 14 November 2011. Earlier, former United States Vice-President Al Gore was conferred the People's Parliament Global Award for promoting awareness on climate change.

## Polly Umrigar Award

Veteran batsman Rahul Dravid was selected for the Polly Umrigar Award for India's best cricketer of 2010-11 season. He will receive his award during the BCCI's annual awards ceremony to be held on 10 December 2011 in Chennai. He will be honoured with a trophy and prize of Rs 5 lakh. Dravid, who scored 1258 runs in 15 Tests at an average of 53 this season, pulled off six hundreds during 2010-11. Dravid was the star

of India's tour of England in 2011, though India'd 0-4 defeat in the series cost India the top spot in the ICC Test rankings. India women's team captain Jhulan Goswami is also to be honoured at the annual awards. The pacer will be awarded the M A Chidambaram Best Woman Cricketer of 2010-11 trophy for claiming 21 wickets in eight matches.

Dilip Sardesai Award for India's Best Cricketer in the 2011 Test series in the West Indies: Ishant Sharma (22 wickets at an average of 16.8 from three Tests, inclusive of two 5WIs and one 10WM)

Lala Amarnath Award for the Best all-rounder in the Ranji Trophy 2010-11: Iqbal Abdulla (385 runs and 27 wickets from 8 matches)

## Col C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award

Former India cricket captain Ajit Wadekar was selected for the Col C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award. Former India captain Ajit Wadekar will be honoured with the Col C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement trophy at the annual Indian Cricket Board awards ceremony to be held in Chennai on 10 December 2011. The award is to comprise a trophy, citation and cheque for Rs. 15 lakhs.

**C K Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award winners list:** Lala Amarnath (1994), Syed Mushtaq Ali (1995), Capt. Vijay Hazare (1996), K.N. Prabhu (1997) Polly Umrigar (1998) Col. Hemachandra Adhikari (1999) Subhash Gupte (2000), Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi (2001), Bhausaheb Nimbalkar (2002),

Chandrakant Borde (2003), B.S. Bedi, B. Chandrasekhar, EAS Prasanna, S. Venkataraghavan (2004), Nariman Contractor (2007), Gundappa Viswanath (2008), Mohinder Amarnath (2009), Salim Durrani (2011)

## Writers' Guild Awards



Victoria Wood won the top accolade for a TV writer at the Writers' Guild Awards. Victoria Wood was recognised for her outstanding contribution to writing which includes comedies Dinnerladies, Acorn Antiques and Pat and Margaret. Wood is the first woman to have won the top prize at the awards, which celebrates the best writing across genres as diverse as TV, radio, film, literature and videogames.

Danny Boyle and Simon Beaufoy also won the award for best screenplay for their Oscar-winning film 127 Hours. While Jesse Armstrong, Sam Bain and Simon Blackwell picked up best comedy for Channel 4's Peep Show.

Peter Bowker won the short-form drama award for Eric & Ernie - the story of the early careers of Morecambe and Wise, which also came from an original idea by Wood. Casualty episode Place of Safety won best continuing TV drama for Dana Fainaru and The Shadow Line won best TV drama series.

Roy Williams's Sucker Punch - which won an Oliver award picked up best play and Lisa Evans won the prize for best play for children and young people for The Day the Waters Came. Best radio comedy went to John Finnemore for Cabin Pressure, while Ed Harris's Troll won the best radio drama.

The Writers' Guild is the trade union representing writers in TV, theatre, film, radio, videogames and books.

## New York Film Critics Circle Awards

The 2011 New York Film Critics Circle Awards announced its winners on 29 November on its official Twitter feed. The black-and-white silent movie The Artist won the top prize of Best Picture. Michel Hazanavicius who directed The Artist was named the Best Director. John Anderson, the chairman of New York Film Critics Circle applauded The Artist calling it a celebration of cinema.

Meryl Streep was dubbed the Best Actress for her portrayal of the former female English Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in The Iron Lady. It was the fourth time she won the title from NYFCC. The Best Actor went to Brad Pitt who won the title for his roles as a baseball coach in Moneyball and as Mr. O'Brien in The Tree of Life.

Jessica Chastain was named the Best Supporting Actress for her roles in Tree of Life, The Help as well as Take Shelter. Albert Brooks won the Best Supporting Actor title for starring in Drive.

The special award for 2011 was given to the Raoul Ruiz, Chilean filmmaker who made over 100 movies and passed away on 19 August 2011 at the age of 70.

Steven Zaillian and Aaron Sorkin won best screenplay for Moneyball while Emmanuel Lubezki won best cinematography for his work on The Tree of Life.

### About NYFCC

The NYFCC, which was founded in 1935, consists of acclaimed New York-based critics who meet annually to vote on the best movies and actors of the year. This was the first time the group announced its winners on Twitter. In 2010 they had picked Facebook film The Social Network as the Best Picture.

## World Travel Awards



India won two prestigious awards- Best Destination and Best Marketing Campaign as the World's Leading Destination at the World Travel Awards 2011 on 8 November 2011. Union Tourism Minister, Subodh Kant Sahai received the awards from Graham Cooke, Chairman, World Travel Awards in London.

## Lifetime Achievement Awards by Delhi

The Delhi Cabinet on 21 November 2011 approved conferring of lifetime achievement awards for 2011-12 on sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan, renowned Hindustani vocalist Girija Devi and noted author Ruskin Bond. In the past, the Sahitya Kala Parishad under the Delhi government conferred the lifetime achievement award, which was instituted in 2004-05 on eminent personalities like M. S. Subbulakshmi, Ebrahim Alkazi, Kapila Vatsyayan, Zohra Sehgal, Bhimsen Joshi, Habib Tanvir and Vishwanathan Anand.

## Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar

Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP) is awarded in recognition of outstanding suggestions given by a worker or group of workers and implemented by the management during the previous calendar year (Performance year) that result in improvement in quality, productivity and working conditions such as safety, health and environmental conservations in the industrial undertakings where Suggestion Schemes are in operations. The financial savings, due to adopted and implemented suggestions of the winning applications of the VRP in 2009 was 1082.85 crores recurring and 94.83 crores non-recurring in Indian currency and 21.73 crores recurring & 29.59 crores

nonrecurring in Foreign Exchange. VRP is awarded in the form of cash prize and a certificate of merit in three classes- Class A – 5 winners win Rs. 75000 each, Class B – Eight winners win Rs. 50000 each and Class C – 15 winners win Rs. 25000. For 2009 performance, 28 puraskars Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar were shared by 117 winners.

## National Safety Awards

The National Safety Awards is given in recognition of outstanding safety performance of industrial establishments, construction sites, ports and installations under AERB to stimulate and maintain the interests of both the management and the workers in accident prevention programmes. For the performance year 2009, the total number of National Safety Awards were 123 (72 winners and 51 runners-up). NSA are given under twelve schemes, out of which ten are meant for Factories/Construction sites/Installations under AERB and two are for Ports. Under each award, a Shield and a Certificate of Merit is given to each of the Award Winners and Runners-up. The establishments are classified in different schemes on the basis of working of highest man-hours.

## UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize 2011

The 2011 UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize winners were declared on 16 November 2011. Anarkali Honaryar, Afghan women's rights campaigner and Palestinian peace activist Khaled



Abu Awwad won the 2011 UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence. The US\$ 100,000 will be divided equally between the two laureates. The award ceremony is scheduled at UNESCO in Paris on 9 December 2011.



Anarkali Honaryar (Afghanistan) was rewarded for her commitment and tireless work to improve the conditions of women and minority groups in Afghanistan and to promote the ideals of human dignity, human rights, mutual respect and tolerance. Anarkali Honaryar received public recognition for helping women who suffer from domestic abuse, forced marriages and gender discrimination. She is also known for advocating the rights of Afghanistan's minorities. After the parliamentary elections of 2010, Honaryar became the first non-Muslim woman member of Afghanistan's Wolesi Jirga, the lower house of parliament.

Khaled Abu Awwad (Palestine) was cited for his efforts to promote tolerance, peace and non-violence through his work as a peace activist and leader in the reconciliation process between Palestinians and Israelis. Abu Awwad is the General Manager of the Palestinian Branch of the Parents Circle Families Forum (PCFF), an organization of Palestinians and Israelis who lost immediate family members in the conflict of Israel and Palestine. Awwad along with other leaders and

prominent members of the Palestinian peace movement founded AI-Tariq (The Way) in 2006. AI-Tariq (The Way) is the Palestinian Institution for Development and Democracy. Awwad has been the manager and Executive Director since 2006.

South Asia Foundation (SAF) took initiatives in establishing a UNESCO Madanjeet Singh institute of excellence in the proposed Nalanda University, on the lines of the 12 institutions established in the eight SAARC countries.

### About UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize

- » UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize was created in 1995 on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Mahatma Gandhi.
- » Mr. Madanjeet Singh is the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and founder of the prize.
- » Since 1996, the Prize has been awarded every two years.
- » Since 2002, it amounted to US \$ 100,000.
- » In 2011, the Prize will be awarded for the eighth time.

### Nishan-i-Imtiaz Award

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari on 23 November 2011 conferred Nishan-i-Imtiaz (Military) upon General Hou Shusen, deputy chief of general staff of Chinese Peoples Liberation Army, at a special investiture ceremony in Islamabad. Pakistan awarded a top Chinese General with Nishan-i-Imtiaz (Military) for pro-

moting friendship and strengthening bi-lateral ties between the two countries. General Hou was given the award in recognition of his consistent and valuable contributions in promoting relations and understanding between the two countries and armies. On the occasion, China was termed as a factor of stability in the region and country was applauded for enabling the convergence of interests and unanimity of views on bilatera. Pakistani government mentioned that regional and international issues brought the two countries further closer.



The award was established in 19 March 1957, following the proclamation of State of Pakistan as Parliamentary republic, by the 1956 Constitution. The award is a top and prestigious decoration in the country. It is given to a person who accomplished their service beyond what was assigned. Nishan-i-Imtiaz, is an honor given by the Government of Pakistan to both the military officers of the Pakistan Armed Forces and civilians who have done outstanding contributions that prompted world recognition of Pakistan. The award is not limited to citizens of Pakistan and, while it is a civilian award, it can also be awarded to military personnel and worn on the uniform. Two Indians have been given this award in the

past- Morarji Desai (1971) and Dilip Kumar (1997)

## Jamnalal Bajaj Awards

Vinoba Sewa Ashram founders Ramesh Bhaiya and Vimla Bahan, and social activists Anupam Mishra, Shobhana Ranade and Agus Indra Udayana were awarded 2011 Jamnalal Bajaj Awards on 7 November 2011. Anupam Mishra was chosen for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development, while Ranade was selected for her work in Development and Welfare of Women and Children. Agus Indra Udayana received the award for promoting Gandhian Values Outside India and Ramesh Bhaiya and Vimla Bahan were chosen for the Award for Constructive Work. Each award comprised a citation, a trophy and Rs five lakh in cash. The awards were presented by spiritual leader Morari Bapu.

## Garavi Gujarat Hammer Award

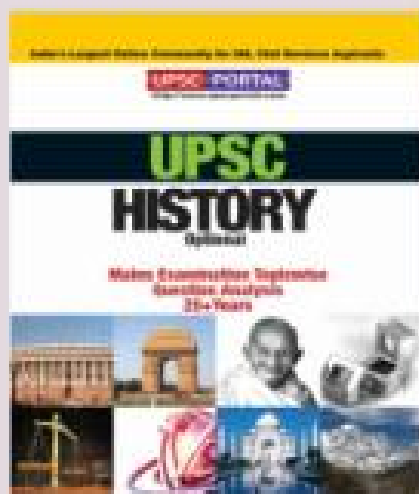
Leading NRI politician in the UK, Lord Navnit Dholakia, won GG2 (Garavi Gujarat) Hammer Award at the GG2 Leadership Awards 2011 for his outstanding achievements on 23 November 2011. Britain's Attorney General Dominic Grieve presented the award to Lord Dholakia. Dholakia is a British Liberal Democrat politician and the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords. Lord Dholakia is one of the most senior Asian politicians in Britain. He is the current chair of

Nacro. Dholakia was made a life peer as Baron Dholakia, of Waltham Brooks in the County of West Sussex, in 1997, and has also sat on the Liberal Democrat benches in the House of Lords. In 2010 he became the sole Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords. Dholakia was appointed to the Privy Council (PC) in December 2010.

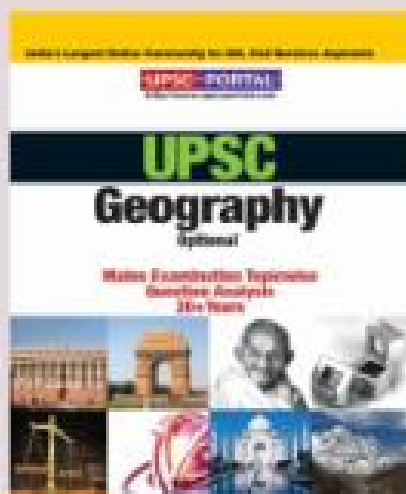
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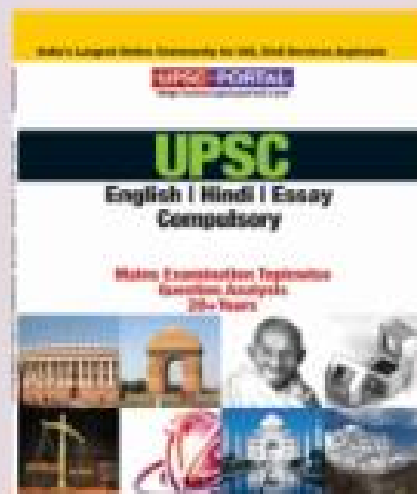
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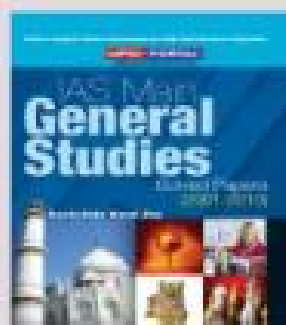
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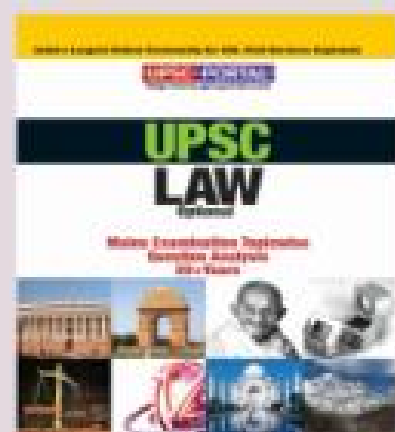
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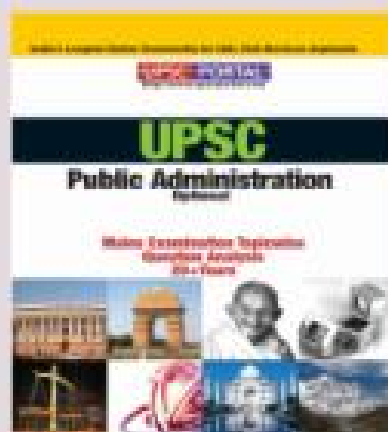
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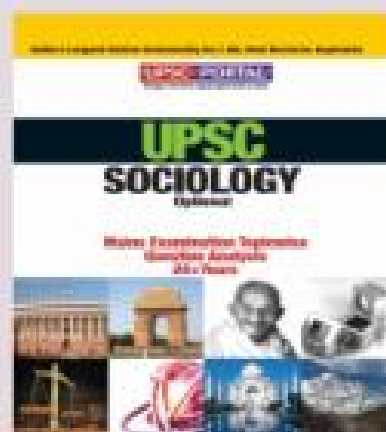
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