



Awards Capsule for IBPS PO and SBI PO Mains 2025

Awards & Recognition of August 2025

Award Name	Award Winner	Field	Key Notes
M.S. Swaminathan Global Award for Food and Peace	Dr. Arenare	Food Security and Peace	Launched by PM Modi to honour scientists from developing countries; Dr. Arenare recognized for fighting hunger in Nigeria
Equator Initiative Award 2025	Bibi Fatima Women's SHG, Dharwad	Biodiversity Conservation	Only Indian group among 10 global winners from 103 countries
Gallantry and Service Medals 2025	1,090 Police, Fire, Civil Defence & Correctional personnel	Public Safety and National Security	Includes 233 Gallantry Medals, 99 President's Medals, 758 Meritorious Medals, mostly to J&K and LWE areas
National Anubhav Awards 2025	15 retired government employees	Public Administration Storytelling	8th edition, marks 10 years of Anubhav Portal, notable one-third women representation
Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2025	Neeraj Ghaywan (Best Film & Director for <i>Homebound</i>)	Cinema and Film Direction	Film explores displacement and emotional return; stars Janhvi Kapoor and others

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Honouring Ceremony at <i>Foundation of Future</i>	Radhanath Swami	Spiritual Leadership	Honoured by New York City for contributions to spiritual leadership, community service & interfaith harmony; American-born ISKCON leader.
NASA-NSS Space Settlement Design Contest 2025	S.R.N. Mehta CBSE School, Kalaburagi	Space Science / Education	1st prize for project "IRA" by 11 students; presented at ISDC-2025, Orlando; visited NASA Kennedy Space Center.
Hollywood Walk of Fame (Class of 2026)	Deepika Padukone	Cinema / Global Recognition	First Indian actress to receive a star; celebrated for global success; boosts Indian cinema's global profile.
Tamil Wikki Suran Award	V. Vedachalam	Archaeology / Tamil Epigraphy	51 years in archaeology; supported Keeladi excavations; authored 25 books; public history outreach.
Fisheries Department Excellence Award 2025	Kasaragod District	Fisheries / Aquaculture	Best district in Kerala for sustainable aquaculture; strong inland fish production.
Chintha Raveendran Award 2025	Sarankumar Limbale	Literature / Dalit Writing	Recognised for Dalit literature and social thought; awarded in Kozhikode.
IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025	Telangana (State)	Battery Manufacturing / Green Energy	For leadership in EV policy & energy storage; awarded during India Energy Storage Week.
United Nations Population Award 2025	Varsha Deshpande	Gender Equality / Social Justice	For work on saving girl children, legal reform & Dalit women empowerment; honoured by UNFPA in New York.
Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080	Kalyan Shrestha	Judicial Leadership	Awarded in Kathmandu for judicial leadership & democracy promotion; includes Rs 2 lakh & certificate.
PEN Pinter Prize 2025	Leila Aboulela	Literature	Sudanese-Scottish author recognised for works on faith, migration & Muslim women's lives.
Kalinga Ratna Award 2024	Dharmendra Pradhan	Public Service / Education	Conferred by President Murmu in Odisha; celebrates contributions to education & cultural unity.
National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025	INCOIS	Geospatial Technology	For innovative marine GIS use in forecasting, disaster alerts & sustainable resources.
State Kathakali Award 2023	Kuroor Vasudevan Namboothiri	Performing Arts (Kathakali)	Recognised by Kerala for Kathakali excellence.





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Pallavur Appu Marar Vadya Puraskaram 2023	Sankara Warriar	Performing Arts (Chenda)	Honoured for mastery in Chenda percussion.
Pallavur Appu Marar Vadya Puraskaram 2023	Mattannur Sankarankutty Marar	Performing Arts (Maddalam)	Honoured for mastery in Maddalam percussion.
Keraleeya Nritta-Natya Puraskaram 2023	Girijadevi	Performing Arts (Koodiyattam)	For contributions to Koodiyattam theatre.
WSIS Prizes 2025 Champion Award	Meri Panchayat App (MoPR & NIC)	E-Governance / Technology	Recognised for multilingual rural governance app used in 2.65 lakh Gram Panchayats.
Best Magic Creator 2025 (FISM)	Suhani Shah	Magic / Performing Arts	First Indian to win at FISM; blends magic with psychology & storytelling.
GP Birla Memorial Award 2025	Dr. V. Narayanan (ISRO)	Space Science	Honoured for cryogenic propulsion advances & strategic missions.
PEN Translates Award 2025	Geetanjali Shree (tr. Daisy Rockwell)	Literature / Translation	For <i>Once Elephants Lived Here</i> ; promotes Hindi literature & global cultural exchange.

Awards & Recognition of June 2025

Important Awards

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Global Leadership Award	Kumar Mangalam Birla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, has been honoured with the Global Leadership Award by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) at its 8th annual summit in Washington D.C. The award recognises Birla's visionary leadership, which led the group to invest over \$15 billion in the U.S. economy, creating over 5,400 jobs. With a presence in 15 American states, Aditya Birla Group represents one of India's largest global footprints. Birla emphasized a long-term, people-first investment approach.
knighthood	David Beckham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Beckham, the globally celebrated footballer, philanthropist, and environmental advocate, is set to receive a knighthood in the upcoming King Charles III Birthday Honours. Having already earned an OBE in 2003, Beckham's continued dedication to UNICEF, his ambassadorship with The King's Foundation, and his public service mark a transformation from sports icon to national role model. This honour will formally bestow the title "Sir David Beckham", celebrating decades of achievements both on and off the field.
National e-Governance Awards 2025	Rohini Gram Panchayat from Dhule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a groundbreaking achievement, Rohini Gram Panchayat from Dhule, a 100% tribal village, has bagged the Gold Award at the National e-Governance Awards 2025 for its digital governance model. Recognized under the Grassroots Level Initiatives category, the Panchayat has provided over 956 online services, including digital delivery of certificates via WhatsApp and streamlined e-services in health, education, and welfare. This award underscores the transformative potential of Digital India in rural and tribal regions, with Rohini emerging as a national role model for technology-enabled governance.
Pardo d'Onore (Honorary award)	American filmmaker Alexander Payne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 78th Locarno Film Festival, scheduled from August 6–16, 2025, will bestow its highest honour, the Pardo d'Onore (Honorary Leopard award), upon renowned American filmmaker Alexander Payne. Payne, celebrated for his emotionally grounded storytelling in films such as <i>Sideways</i>, <i>Nebraska</i>, and <i>The Holdovers</i>, will also interact with festival audiences through retrospectives and discussions. This tribute places him among a prestigious list of global cinema icons, reaffirming his role as a master of modern humanist cinema.





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Food Planet Prize 2025	NitroCapt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swedish startup NitroCapt has won the \$2 million Food Planet Prize 2025 for its green fertiliser technology that eliminates fossil fuels by using plasma and renewable energy to extract nitrogen from air. With the potential to reduce CO₂ emissions by over 90%, the innovation addresses one of agriculture's biggest environmental challenges. As fertilisers contribute to 2.7% of global emissions, NitroCapt's scalable, locally-produced solution could transform food security and climate resilience worldwide.
2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards	IndiGo Airlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a major achievement, IndiGo Airlines ranked 3rd globally in the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards under the Best Low-Cost Airlines category, following AirAsia and Scoot, showcasing India's rising stature in global aviation. The Skytrax Awards, often called the "Oscars of aviation", reflect votes from 22.3 million passengers. While no Indian full-service airline made the top 10, IndiGo's efficiency, affordability, and expanding global reach earned it this prestigious international recognition.
Padma Bhushan	Shri Ram Bahadur Rai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Padma Bhushan was awarded to Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, veteran journalist, cultural thinker, and President of IGNCA Trust, in a special ceremony organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs on June 18, 2025. Acknowledging his over 40 years of service in journalism and his active participation in the JP Movement, the event celebrated his impact on Indian media, democracy, and intellectual thought. Through numerous editorial roles, publications, and leadership in cultural institutions, Shri Rai has left an indelible mark on India's journalistic landscape.
Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025	The Hindu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hindu emerged as the Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025, winning 10 accolades including four golds for innovations in video storytelling, AI integration, native advertising, and podcasting. Held in Chennai, the event was organized by WAN-IFRA, celebrating digital excellence across South Asian newsrooms. With recognitions in data visualisation, audience engagement, and digital subscriptions, <i>The Hindu</i> solidified its place as a digital leader in journalism. The awards reflect the organisation's collaborative approach and its commitment to tech-driven, reader-centric journalism.
Jury Prize at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025	Desi Oon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian animation film Desi Oon, directed by Suresh Eriyat, won the Jury Prize at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025, one of the most respected awards in global animation. Rooted in Indian culture, the film also won at the WAVES Awards of Excellence, was a standout in the Create in India Challenge, and earned a place in MoMA's archive. It has been shortlisted for Cannes Lions, recognized at the AICP Show, and earned accolades like the D&AD Wooden Pencil and Good Ads Matter Golds. Government leaders and animation bodies hailed the film as a milestone in India's journey to becoming a global AVGC-XR powerhouse.
Digital Payments Award 2024–25	India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been honored with the Digital Payments Award 2024–25 by the Ministry of Finance, marking its leading role in expanding digital financial inclusion across India. Topping the Payments Bank Performance Index, IPPB has leveraged its massive postal network, tech-enabled doorstep banking, and over 2 lakh field agents to deliver banking services in even the most remote areas.
JCB Prize for Literature		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The JCB Prize for Literature, once hailed as India's richest and most inclusive literary award, has been discontinued after seven successful editions. Established in 2018, the award not only recognized fiction in English but also celebrated translated works, thus amplifying the reach of regional Indian literature. With prize money of up to Rs 25 lakh for authors and Rs 10 lakh for translators, it significantly contributed to India's literary landscape. The closure, following the deregistration of the JCB Literature Foundation, has shocked the literary community, raising concerns about support for regional languages and emerging writers.




Awards & Recognition of May 2025

S.No.	Name of Award	Winner
1.	Humanitarian Award at the 72nd Miss World Festival	Sonu Sood
2.	2025 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize	La Prensa, Nicaragua's oldest newspaper
3.	World Jurist Association's Medal of Honour	Bhuwan Ribhu
4.	2025 World Food Prize	Mariangela Hungria
5.	58th Jnanpith Award	Gulzar, a renowned poet and lyricist, and Rambhadracharya, a spiritual scholar and Sanskrit poet
6.	International Booker Prize 2025	Banu Mushtaq
7.	American Music Award (AMA)	Indian-American rapper and singer-songwriter Raja Kumari
8.	Sadhguur	Sadhguur, a well-known spiritual leader and the founder of the Isha Foundation, has received the 'Global Indian of the Year' award from the Canada India Foundation (CIF). This award was given to him for his strong efforts in spreading awareness about human consciousness and environmental protection.
9.	Talent Finale of Miss World 2025	Monica Kezia Sembiring

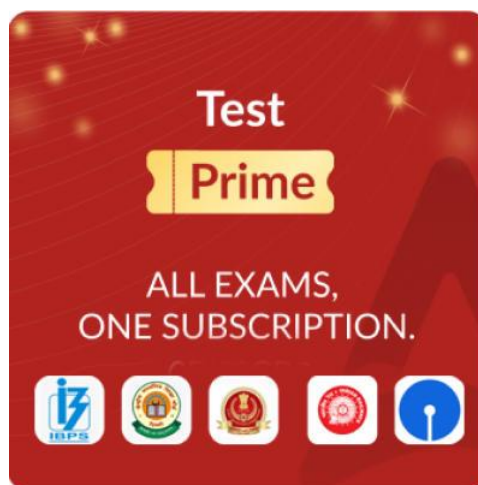
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Prestigious Ugadi Award	Archaeologist MyNaa Swamy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh government honor renowned historian and archaeologist MyNaa Swamy with the prestigious Ugadi Award for his exceptional contributions to historical research and social service. Conferred by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the award includes the 'Kalaratna' title, 'Hamsa' medal, a certificate of appreciation, and a cash prize. The ceremony will be held at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram, Vijayawada
Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability	The Dalai Lama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dalai Lama was awarded the Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability on April 1, 2025, at his residence in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. Presented by Gold Mercury International, a global think tank, the award recognizes his lifelong commitment to non-violence, human dignity, interfaith dialogue, and environmental conservation. This honor comes as the Dalai Lama nears his 90th birthday and celebrates his advocacy for peace and leadership.
Uttar Pradesh Anmol Ratan Award	Nikhil Singhal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nikhil Singhal, Founder of Vigor Media Worldwide and President of the Noida High Rise Federation, received the Uttar Pradesh Anmol Ratan Award at the Taj Lucknow on March 31, 2025, organized by the Tapasya Foundation Trust. The award, presented by Akhilesh Yadav, recognized his leadership in PR and strategic communication. In his speech, he credited his team's dedication and commitment to excellence.





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National Youth Award	Akarsh Shroff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Akarsh Shroff, founder of YuvaSpark, was awarded the National Youth Award on April 3, 2025, for his impactful work in early childhood education, especially through anganwadi digitisation and rural education innovation. Presented by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya at Parliament House, New Delhi, the award, given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, honors individuals under 30 for their exemplary social service and national development efforts, with 22 young changemakers recognized this year.
Fred Darrington Award for Excellence in Art and Culture	Sudarsan Pattnaik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sudarsan Pattnaik made history by winning the inaugural Fred Darrington Award for Excellence in Art and Culture for his Lord Ganesha sand sculpture, which conveys the message of "World Peace". The sculpture, standing 10 feet tall, is on display at SandWorld in Weymouth, Dorset, until November 2025. Pattnaik, a Padma Shri awardee, is the first Indian sculptor to exhibit at SandWorld. The award, launched to mark 100 years since Fred Darrington's first sand sculpture in 1925, includes a gold medal with Darrington's caricature and a glass wave containing sand from Pattnaik's sculpture.
'Master Humor Award'	Bollywood icon Aamir Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bollywood icon Aamir Khan made headlines at the Macau International Comedy Festival 2025 in China, where he was honored with the 'Master Humor Award' from April 9-13, 2025. Known as 'Uncle Mi' in China, Aamir has enjoyed immense popularity, with his films like 3 Idiots (2009), PK (2014), and Dangal (2016) earning huge success in the country, particularly the latter, which grossed over ₹1000 crore (~\$193M).
Verchol Dalit Literary Award	Renowned writer, retired IAS officer, and social activist P. Sivakami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renowned writer, retired IAS officer, and social activist P. Sivakami received the Verchol Dalit Literary Award from Neelam Cultural Centre, founded by Pa. Ranjith, in Chennai, along with a ₹1 lakh prize. In her speech, Sivakami emphasized Dalit identity, the resistance and power of Dalit literature, its role in challenging dominant narratives, and the importance of writing in English for broader impact, while celebrating the rise of Dalit voices in literature.





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'Legends of Endoscopy' award	Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of AIG Hospitals, Hyderabad, was honored with the prestigious 'Legends of Endoscopy' award by the Japanese gastroenterology community at the Tokyo Live Global Endoscopy 2025 event held at SHOWA Medical University, Tokyo. Recognized for his pioneering contributions in Gastrointestinal (GI) Endoscopy.
Best-performing state in two categories: mandatory biometric updates of children and verification of adult Aadhaar enrolment	Meghalaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meghalaya was recognized by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) as the best-performing state in two categories: mandatory biometric updates of children and verification of adult Aadhaar enrolment. The awards were presented in New Delhi, with Shai Kupar War, Aadhaar nodal officer from the General Administration Department, receiving the honors on behalf of the state.
MacGregor Memorial Medal	Wing Commander D. Panda and Electrical Artificer Rahul Kumar Pandey for 2023, and Chief Electrical Aircraft Artificer Ram Ratan Jat, Sergeant Jhumar Ram Poonia, and Colonel Ranvir Singh Jamwal (Director, NIMAS) for 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MacGregor Memorial Medal was awarded to five distinguished military personnel for 2023 and 2024 in recognition of their exceptional contributions to military reconnaissance, exploration, and adventure. The awards, conferred by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan at a ceremony hosted by the United Service Institution of India (USI), honored Wing Commander D. Panda and Electrical Artificer Rahul Kumar Pandey for 2023, and Chief Electrical Aircraft Artificer Ram Ratan Jat, Sergeant Jhumar Ram Poonia, and Colonel Ranvir Singh Jamwal (Director, NIMAS) for 2024.
Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025	Achyuta Samanta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS, was conferred the Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025 in Kokrajhar, Assam, for his exceptional work in education and social empowerment. Instituted by the Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Trust to honor contributions aligned with the legacy of Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma—the "Mech Gandhi of Assam"—the award includes a citation, memento, and ₹1 lakh cash prize, which Samanta generously donated back to the Trust.
Global Vanguard Honor for her impactful 25-year career bridging Bollywood and Hollywood	Priyanka Chopra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 4th Annual Gold House Gold Gala will take place on May 10, 2025, at the Music Centre, Los Angeles, celebrating cultural changemakers under the theme "First Light", which honors pioneers who've opened paths for others. Priyanka Chopra will receive the inaugural Global Vanguard Honor for her impactful 25-year career bridging Bollywood and Hollywood.
Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024	Ministry of Women and Child Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PoshanTracker Application, developed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024 under the Innovation (Centre) category at the 17th Civil Services Day on April 21, 2025. Accepted by Secretary Shri Anil Malik, the award recognizes the app's impact on tech-driven nutrition governance under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0, promoting community empowerment, inter-departmental convergence, and data-centric service delivery.
Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2024	Kumar Mangalam Birla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group and Padma Bhushan awardee, will receive the prestigious Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2024 on April 24 in Mumbai, recognizing his visionary leadership and contributions to India's economic growth. The award, presented by RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat, coincides with the 83rd Memorial Day of Pandit Deenanath Mangeshkar, organized by the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishthan.





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Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French Government	Payal Kapadia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payal Kapadia, a Mumbai-based filmmaker, has been awarded the prestigious 'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French Government. The ceremony, held at the French Consulate in Mumbai, recognizes her significant contribution to cinema. Kapadia's breakthrough came with her film 'All We Imagine As Light', which won the Grand Prix at the 77th Cannes Film Festival and was nominated for a Golden Globe.
National Maritime Varuna Award	Rajesh Unni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rajesh Unni, founder of Synergy Marine Group, was honored with India's highest maritime recognition, the National Maritime Varuna Award, during the 62nd National Maritime Day celebrations in Mumbai. The award, presented by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), acknowledges individuals for their extraordinary contributions to the maritime sector.

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Icon of Excellence at the Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025)	Jay Shah	Jay Shah , Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) , was awarded the Icon of Excellence at the Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025) for his significant contributions to cricket administration , introducing new ideas, and making the game more inclusive and competitive globally.
'Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology' award at the Vibrant Bharat Global Summit 2025	Dr. Suborno Bose	Dr. Suborno Bose , Chairman of the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) , received the ' Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology ' award at the Vibrant Bharat Global Summit 2025 . Awarded by Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Shekhawat , the recognition honors Dr. Bose's work in integrating AI and technology into hospitality education. His new book, <i>Harmonizing Human Touch and AI in Tourism & Hospitality</i> , was also launched, highlighting IIHM's AI-driven initiatives like NamAlste IIHM HospitalityGPT .
Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the prestigious ' Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados ' for his strategic leadership and support during the COVID-19 pandemic . Union Minister Pabitra Margherita accepted the award on his behalf at a ceremony in Bridgetown , attended by Barbadian President Dame Sandra Mason , PM Mia Amor Mottley , and Foreign Minister Kerrie Symmonds . This honor underscores India's strong diplomatic ties with Barbados and its commitment to global cooperation and development .
Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Airport Experience Award 2024	Delhi International Airport Limited	GMR Airports Infrastructure Limited announced that its subsidiary, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) , has won the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Airport Experience Award 2024 for the Best Airport Over 40 Million Passengers in the Asia-Pacific region . This marks the seventh consecutive year Delhi Airport has been recognized for its excellence in customer service .
Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'	Jayshree Vencatesan	Jayshree Vencatesan , co-founder of Care Earth Trust , became the first Indian to receive the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use' , recognizing her contributions to sustainable wetland management . The award was announced by the Ramsar Secretariat in Geneva on the eve of International Women's Day 2024 .





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SKOCH Awards 2025	Muthoot Microfin	Muthoot Microfin , a prominent microfinance institution focused on empowering women entrepreneurs , has won two Gold Awards at the SKOCH Awards 2025 . The awards highlight its exceptional contributions to digital financial inclusion and innovative insurance solutions , solidifying its position as a key player in India's microfinance sector .
Lifetime Achievement Award	Chiranjeevi,	Chiranjeevi , the veteran Telugu cinema superstar, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to Indian cinema , cultural influence , and public service . The award was presented by Bridge India at the House of Commons , UK Parliament, recognising his impact on the film industry and philanthropic efforts.
Maharashtra Bhushan award	Ram Sutar	Renowned sculptor Ram Sutar , known for designing the Statue of Unity , has been honored with the Maharashtra Bhushan award. The decision was announced by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis on March 12, 2025 . At 100 years old , Sutar continues to contribute to India's artistic heritage, including sculpting a statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar for Chaityabhoomi .
Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of Denmark	Vijay Sankar	Vijay Sankar , Honorary Consul General of Denmark for Southern India and Chairman of The Sanmar Group , has been awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of Denmark . This honor recognizes his contributions to Indo-Danish relations . The award was presented by Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen , Ambassador of Denmark in India, on March 18, 2025 in Chennai . The event also celebrated the Sankar family's five-decade-long association with Denmark's consular services.
2025 Stockholm Water Prize	Günter Blöschl	Günter Blöschl , a renowned hydrologist , has been awarded the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize for his pioneering research in flood hydrology . His work in understanding flood risks and water resource management under climate change has significantly improved global flood prediction models , aiding communities in preparing for extreme weather events .
2024 ACM A.M. Turing Award	Andrew G. Barto and Richard S. Sutton	The 2024 ACM A.M. Turing Award was presented to Andrew G. Barto and Richard S. Sutton for their groundbreaking work in reinforcement learning (RL) , which laid the foundation for AI advancements. Their key contributions include temporal difference learning , policy-gradient methods , and neural network-based function representations . Their influential publication, <i>"Reinforcement Learning: An Introduction"</i> (1998), has been cited over 75,000 times . The award, often called the "Nobel Prize in Computing," carries a \$1 million prize, sponsored by Google .

