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Awards and Recognitions - MCQ Notes with Answers

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Updated up to 7 October 2026. Correct answers are in green with a short note to remember.

Still to come: Nobel 2026 Chemistry, Literature, Peace and Economics (7-12 Oct), Booker Prize 2026 (Nov), Kerala Awards 2026 (around 31 Oct). Check these before your exam.

1. Padma Awards and Bharat Ratna

Q1. The Padma Awards are announced every year on the eve of:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) Republic Day | (B) Independence Day |
| (C) Gandhi Jayanti | (D) National Sports Day |

Answer: (A) Republic Day

Note: Instituted in 1954. Presented by the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Q2. How many Padma Awards were approved for 2026?

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|---------|---------|
| (A) 120 | (B) 131 |
| (C) 139 | (D) 113 |

Answer: (B) 131

Note: 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri (duo cases counted as one).

Q3. How many Padma Vibhushan awards were given in 2026?

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|-------|--------|
| (A) 5 | (B) 13 |
| (C) 7 | (D) 3 |

Answer: (A) 5

Note: Dharmendra, K.T. Thomas, N. Rajam, P. Narayanan and V.S. Achuthanandan.

Q4. How many of the five Padma Vibhushan awards of 2026 went to Kerala?

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|-------|-------|
| (A) 2 | (B) 5 |
| (C) 3 | (D) 1 |

Answer: (C) 3

Note: K.T. Thomas, P. Narayanan and V.S. Achuthanandan.

Q5. Which former Kerala Chief Minister received the Padma Vibhushan 2026 (posthumous)?

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| (A) E.K. Nayanar | (B) K. Karunakaran |
| (C) V.S. Achuthanandan | (D) C. Achutha Menon |

Answer: (C) V.S. Achuthanandan

Note: Awarded in Public Affairs.

Q6. Which former Supreme Court judge from Kerala received the Padma Vibhushan 2026?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Fathima Beevi | (B) V.R. Krishna Iyer |
| (C) K.G. Balakrishnan | (D) K.T. Thomas |

Answer: (D) K.T. Thomas

Note: Category: Public Affairs.

Q7. Malayalam journalist P. Narayanan received which Padma award in 2026?

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Padma Bhushan | (B) Padma Vibhushan |
| (C) Padma Shri | (D) Bharat Ratna |

Answer: (B) Padma Vibhushan

Note: Category: Literature and Education.

Q8. Which Malayalam film actor was awarded the Padma Bhushan 2026?

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|-----------------|--------------|
| (A) Mohanlal | (B) Jayaram |
| (C) Suresh Gopi | (D) Mammooty |

Answer: (D) Mammooty

Note: Art category, Kerala.

Q9. Which SNDP Yogam leader from Kerala received the Padma Bhushan 2026?

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) Sukumaran Nair | (B) Thushar Vellappally |
| (C) P.K. Ramachandran | (D) Vellappally Natesan |

Answer: (D) Vellappally Natesan

Note: Public Affairs category.

Q10. Which veteran film actor received the Padma Vibhushan 2026 (posthumous)?

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|------------------|-------------------|
| (A) Dev Anand | (B) Dharmendra |
| (C) Vinod Khanna | (D) Rajesh Khanna |

Answer: (B) Dharmendra

Note: Art, Maharashtra.

Q11. Which violinist received the Padma Vibhushan 2026?

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) N. Rajam | (B) M.S. Gopalakrishnan |
| (C) L. Subramaniam | (D) T.N. Krishnan |

Answer: (A) N. Rajam

Note: Hindustani classical violinist from Uttar Pradesh.

Q12. Which advertising legend received the Padma Bhushan 2026 posthumously?

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| (A) Alyque Padamsee | (B) Piyush Pandey |
| (C) R. Balki | (D) Prasoon Joshi |

Answer: (B) Piyush Pandey

Q13. Which tennis legend living in the USA received the Padma Bhushan 2026 in sports?

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Mahesh Bhupathi | (B) Vijay Amritraj |
| (C) Leander Paes | (D) Ramesh Krishnan |

Answer: (B) Vijay Amritraj

Q14. Which aerospace scientist from Kerala was awarded the Padma Shri 2026 in Science and Engineering?

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) S. Somanath | (B) G. Madhavan Nair |
| (C) K. Radhakrishnan | (D) A.E. Muthunayagam |

Answer: (D) A.E. Muthunayagam

Note: Other Kerala Padma Shri 2026 names: Kalamandalam Vimala Menon (art), Kollakal Devaki Amma (social work).

Q15. M.T. Vasudevan Nair received which Padma award in 2025 (posthumous)?

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Padma Bhushan | (B) Padma Vibhushan |
| (C) Padma Shri | (D) Bharat Ratna |

Answer: (B) Padma Vibhushan

Note: He passed away on 25 December 2024.

Q16. Which is the second-highest civilian award of India?

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Bharat Ratna | (B) Padma Vibhushan |
| (C) Padma Bhushan | (D) Padma Shri |

Answer: (B) Padma Vibhushan

Note: Order: Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri.

Q17. Padma Bhushan is given for:

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| (A) Exceptional and distinguished service | (B) Gallantry |
| (C) Distinguished service of a high order | (D) Distinguished service in any field |

Answer: (C) Distinguished service of a high order

Note: Padma Vibhushan = exceptional and distinguished service.

Q18. India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, was instituted in:

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|----------|----------|
| (A) 1947 | (B) 1961 |
| (C) 1950 | (D) 1954 |

Answer: (D) 1954

Note: First recipients: C. Rajagopalachari, S. Radhakrishnan and C.V. Raman.

Q19. Bharat Ratna was last announced (five awardees) in which year?

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|----------|----------|
| (A) 2025 | (B) 2024 |
| (C) 2022 | (D) 2019 |

Answer: (B) 2024

Note: Karpoori Thakur, L.K. Advani, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh and M.S. Swaminathan. (No newer announcement reported up to mid-2026.)

Q20. M.S. Swaminathan, Bharat Ratna 2024, has family roots in which Kerala region?

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|-------------|------------------------------------|
| (A) Wayanad | (B) Malabar |
| (C) Idukki | (D) Kuttanad (Mankombu, Alappuzha) |

Answer: (D) Kuttanad (Mankombu, Alappuzha)

Note: Known as the father of the Green Revolution in India.

Q21. Padma and Bharat Ratna awards are not 'titles' under which Article of the Constitution?

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|----------------|----------------|
| (A) Article 51 | (B) Article 21 |
| (C) Article 18 | (D) Article 14 |

Answer: (C) Article 18

Note: Article 18 abolishes titles; the 1995 Supreme Court bench said these awards are not titles.

2. Nobel Prizes

Q22. Who won the Nobel Peace Prize 2025?

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| (A) Maria Corina Machado | (B) Narges Mohammadi |
| (C) Donald Trump | (D) Julia Navalnaya |

Answer: (A) Maria Corina Machado

Note: Venezuelan opposition leader, for promoting democratic rights.

Q23. Who won the Nobel Prize in Literature 2025?

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| (A) Han Kang | (B) Jon Fosse |
| (C) Laszlo Krasznahorkai | (D) Annie Ernaux |

Answer: (C) Laszlo Krasznahorkai

Note: Hungarian novelist; author of Satantango. Han Kang won in 2024.

Q24. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2025 was for discoveries on:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (A) MicroRNA | (B) Peripheral immune tolerance |
| (C) CRISPR gene editing | (D) mRNA vaccines |

Answer: (B) Peripheral immune tolerance

Note: Winners: Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell and Shimon Sakaguchi.

Q25. The Nobel Prize in Physics 2025 went to John Clarke, Michel Devoret and John Martinis for:

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|----------------------------------|---|
| (A) Neutrino oscillations | (B) Macroscopic quantum tunnelling in an electric circuit |
| (C) Discovery of the Higgs boson | (D) Gravitational waves |

Answer: (B) Macroscopic quantum tunnelling in an electric circuit

Q26. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2025 was awarded for the development of:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (A) Click chemistry | (B) Lithium-ion batteries |
| (C) Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) | (D) Protein structure prediction |

Answer: (C) Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs)

Note: Winners: Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson and Omar Yaghi.

Q27. The 2025 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was won by Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt for explaining:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (A) Labour market search | (B) Innovation-driven economic growth |
| (C) Microfinance | (D) Auction theory |

Answer: (B) Innovation-driven economic growth

Q28. Who won the Nobel Prize in Physics 2026?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| (A) Roger Penrose | (B) John Hopfield |
| (C) Anne L'Huillier | (D) Francis Halzen |

Answer: (D) Francis Halzen

Note: For the IceCube Neutrino Observatory (Antarctica) and discovery of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos. Announced 6 Oct 2026.

Q29. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026 was awarded for discoveries concerning:

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| (A) CAR-T therapy | (B) Gut microbiome |
| (C) Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics | (D) Gene silencing |

Answer: (C) Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics

Note: Winners: Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel (announced 5 Oct 2026).

Q30. The 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics winner Francis Halzen works at which US university?

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|--------------|-----------------------------|
| (A) MIT | (B) University of Wisconsin |
| (C) Stanford | (D) Harvard |

Answer: (B) University of Wisconsin

Note: He is Belgian-born.

Q31. What was the prize amount per Nobel Prize category in 2026?

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| (A) 12 million Swedish kronor | (B) 11 million |
| (C) 9 million | (D) 10 million |

Answer: (A) 12 million Swedish kronor

Note: It was 11 million kronor in 2025.

Q32. Nobel Prize award ceremonies are held every year on:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| (A) 26 January | (B) 1 January |
| (C) 10 October | (D) 10 December |

Answer: (D) 10 December

Note: Anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death (1896).

Q33. The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in:

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|----------|----------|
| (A) 1910 | (B) 1945 |
| (C) 1901 | (D) 1895 |

Answer: (C) 1901

Note: Economics prize was added in 1969 by Sweden's central bank in memory of Nobel.

Q34. Which Nobel Prize is announced in Oslo, Norway?

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|-----------------|----------------|
| (A) Physics | (B) Chemistry |
| (C) Peace Prize | (D) Literature |

Answer: (C) Peace Prize

Note: All others are awarded in Stockholm.

Q35. Who was the first Indian (Asian) to win the Nobel Prize in Literature (1913)?

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) Amartya Sen | (B) Rabindranath Tagore |
| (C) V.S. Naipaul | (D) C.V. Raman |

Answer: (B) Rabindranath Tagore

Note: For Gitanjali.

Q36. Which Indian won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930?

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| (A) S. Chandrasekhar | (B) H.J. Bhabha |
| (C) Satyendra Nath Bose | (D) C.V. Raman |

Answer: (D) C.V. Raman

Note: Raman Effect.

Q37. Who won the Nobel Peace Prize for India in 2014 (shared with Malala Yousafzai)?

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| (A) Abhijit Banerjee | (B) Kailash Satyarthi |
| (C) Mother Teresa | (D) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan |

Answer: (B) Kailash Satyarthi

Note: Mother Teresa won in 1979.

3. Literary Awards

Q38. Who won the 60th Jnanpith Award (for 2025)?

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) R. Vairamuthu | (B) M.T. Vasudevan Nair |
| (C) Vinod Kumar Shukla | (D) Gulzar |

Answer: (A) R. Vairamuthu

Note: Tamil poet and lyricist; third Tamil writer to win after Akilan (1975) and Jayakanthan (2002). Announced 14 March 2026.

Q39. Who won the 59th Jnanpith Award (for 2024)?

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| (A) R. Vairamuthu | (B) Damodar Mauzo |
| (C) Akkitham | (D) Vinod Kumar Shukla |

Answer: (D) Vinod Kumar Shukla

Note: Hindi writer from Chhattisgarh.

Q40. What is the cash prize of the Jnanpith Award?

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|----------------|----------------|
| (A) Rs 21 lakh | (B) Rs 11 lakh |
| (C) Rs 1 lakh | (D) Rs 5 lakh |

Answer: (B) Rs 11 lakh

Note: Along with a bronze statue of Vagdevi (Saraswati) and a citation.

Q41. Who won the first Jnanpith Award (1965)?

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| (A) Vallathol | (B) Thakazhi |
| (C) S.K. Pottekkatt | (D) G. Sankara Kurup |

Answer: (D) G. Sankara Kurup

Note: For Oduvil Ninnu (Malayalam).

Q42. Which of these Malayalam writers is NOT a Jnanpith awardee?

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (A) Vaikom Muhammad Basheer | (B) Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai |
| (C) O.N.V. Kurup | (D) M.T. Vasudevan Nair |

Answer: (A) Vaikom Muhammad Basheer

Note: Others: S.K. Pottekkatt (1980), Akkitham (2019).

Q43. In which year was the Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 announced?

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| (A) March 2026 (16 March) | (B) June 2026 |
| (C) January 2026 | (D) December 2025 |

Answer: (A) March 2026 (16 March)

Note: Awards in 24 languages; Rs 1 lakh, plaque and shawl.

Q44. Who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 for Malayalam (novel Maayaamanushyar)?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| (A) Benyamin | (B) N. Prabhakaran |
| (C) S. Hareesh | (D) K.R. Meera |

Answer: (B) N. Prabhakaran

Q45. Navtej Sarna won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 for the English novel:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| (A) The Exile | (B) Crimson Spring |
| (C) Winter Evenings | (D) Frontline Dreams |

Answer: (B) Crimson Spring

Q46. Who won the Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2025 (highest Kerala literary honour)?

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| (A) Sethu | (B) K.G. Sankara Pillai |
| (C) M. Mukundan | (D) Sarah Joseph |

Answer: (B) K.G. Sankara Pillai

Note: Rs 5 lakh and a citation; instituted 1993 (first: Sooranad Kunjan Pillai).

Q47. Who won the Vayalar Award 2025 for 'Thapomayiyude Achan'?

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Unni R. | (B) E. Santhosh Kumar |
| (C) Benyamin | (D) K.R. Meera |

Answer: (B) E. Santhosh Kumar

Note: Vayalar Award was first given in 1977 (Lalithambika Antharjanam).

Q48. Who won the 2024 Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Novel (Aano)?

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| (A) Anitha Thampi | (B) G.R. Indugopan |
| (C) V. Shinilal | (D) S. Hareesh |

Answer: (B) G.R. Indugopan

Note: Announced June 2025. Poetry: Anitha Thampi.

Q49. Who won the Booker Prize 2025 for the novel 'Flesh'?

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|------------------|--------------------|
| (A) Kiran Desai | (B) Susan Choi |
| (C) David Szalay | (D) Katie Kitamura |

Answer: (C) David Szalay

Note: Announced 10 Nov 2025; Kiran Desai (Indian-origin) was shortlisted.

Q50. Banu Mushtaq's 'Heart Lamp', winner of the International Booker Prize 2025, was originally written in:

- | | |
|---------------|-------------|
| (A) Tamil | (B) Hindi |
| (C) Malayalam | (D) Kannada |

Answer: (D) Kannada

Note: Translated by Deepa Bhasthi; first Kannada book to win.

Q51. Who won the International Booker Prize 2026 for 'Taiwan Travelogue'?

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| (A) Yang Shuang-zi | (B) Shahrnush Parsipur |
| (C) Shida Bazayr | (D) Banu Mushtaq |

Answer: (A) Yang Shuang-zi

Note: Translated by Lin King; first book translated from Taiwanese Mandarin to win.

Q52. The Ezhuthachan Puraskaram is given by:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (A) Kerala Sahitya Akademi | (B) Kerala Culture Department only |
| (C) Kendra Sahitya Akademi | (D) Bharatiya Jnanpith |

Answer: (A) Kerala Sahitya Akademi

Note: Named after Thunchaththu Ezhuthachan.

Q53. Kerala Sahitya Akademi Fellowships 2024 went to K.V. Ramakrishnan and:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| (A) Sethu | (B) Ezhacherry Ramachandran |
| (C) K. Satchidanandan | (D) M. Leelavathi |

Answer: (B) Ezhacherry Ramachandran

4. Film Awards

Q54. Who received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2023 (presented September 2025)?

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| (A) Mammootty | (B) Adoor Gopalakrishnan |
| (C) Rajinikanth | (D) Mohanlal |

Answer: (D) Mohanlal

Note: Second Malayali after Adoor Gopalakrishnan (2004).

Q55. Who received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024 at the 72nd National Film Awards?

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| (A) Mithun Chakraborty | (B) Anant Nag |
| (C) Waheeda Rehman | (D) Amitabh Bachchan |

Answer: (B) Anant Nag

Note: Kannada actor; ceremony 22 September 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat.

Q56. Who was the first recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1969)?

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Prithviraj Kapoor | (B) Lata Mangeshkar |
| (C) Devika Rani | (D) Satyajit Ray |

Answer: (C) Devika Rani

Note: Award includes Swarna Kamal, Rs 10 lakh and a shawl.

Q57. Dadasaheb Phalke directed India's first full-length feature film:

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| (A) Kalidas | (B) Alam Ara |
| (C) Bhakta Prahlad | (D) Raja Harishchandra (1913) |

Answer: (D) Raja Harishchandra (1913)

Q58. The 72nd National Film Awards honour films certified in which year?

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|----------|----------|
| (A) 2022 | (B) 2024 |
| (C) 2023 | (D) 2025 |

Answer: (B) 2024

Note: 71st honoured 2023 films.

Q59. Best Feature Film at the 72nd National Film Awards:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| (A) Amaran | (B) Bramayugam |
| (C) Chandu Champion | (D) Article 370 |

Answer: (D) Article 370

Q60. Best Actor at the 72nd National Film Awards was shared by Kartik Aaryan and:

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|--------------|----------------|
| (A) Dhanush | (B) Mammootty |
| (C) Mohanlal | (D) Prithviraj |

Answer: (B) Mammootty

Note: For Bramayugam; his fourth National Award.

Q61. Who won Best Actress at the 72nd National Film Awards (Article 370)?

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|------------------|------------------|
| (A) Rani Mukerji | (B) Nithya Menen |
| (C) Alia Bhatt | (D) Yami Gautam |

Answer: (D) Yami Gautam

Q62. Best Director at the 72nd National Film Awards:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| (A) Tushar Hiranandani | (B) Rajkumar Periasamy |
| (C) Chidambaram | (D) Fasil Muhammed |

Answer: (B) Rajkumar Periasamy

Note: For Amaran (Tamil).

Q63. Best Malayalam Film at the 72nd National Film Awards:

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Bramayugam | (B) Manjummel Boys |
| (C) Adujeevitham | (D) Feminichi Fathima |

Answer: (D) Feminichi Fathima

Note: Directed by Fasil Muhammed.

Q64. The feature film jury chair of the 72nd National Film Awards was Malayalam filmmaker:

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) Jayaraj | (B) Adoor Gopalakrishnan |
| (C) Priyadarshan | (D) Shaji N. Karun |

Answer: (A) Jayaraj

Q65. Best Feature Film at the 71st National Film Awards (2023 films):

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|-----------------|---------------|
| (A) Jawan | (B) Kathal |
| (C) Sam Bahadur | (D) 12th Fail |

Answer: (D) 12th Fail

Note: Best Actors: Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan) and Vikrant Massey (12th Fail). Best Actress: Rani Mukerji.

Q66. Best Feature Film at the 55th Kerala State Film Awards (announced Nov 2025):

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Bramayugam | (B) Premalu |
| (C) Manjummel Boys | (D) Feminichi Fathima |

Answer: (C) Manjummel Boys

Note: Covers films of 2024. Announced in Thrissur by Minister Saji Cherian.

Q67. Who won Best Actor at the 55th Kerala State Film Awards?

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| (A) Prithviraj | (B) Soubin Shahir |
| (C) Mammooty (Bramayugam) | (D) Tovino Thomas |

Answer: (C) Mammooty (Bramayugam)

Note: His 7th Kerala State Best Actor award - a record.

Q68. Best Actress at the 55th Kerala State Film Awards:

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (A) Anaswara Rajan | (B) Parvathy |
| (C) Urvashi | (D) Shamla Hamza (Feminichi Fathima) |

Answer: (D) Shamla Hamza (Feminichi Fathima)

Note: Fazil Muhammed won Best Debutant Director.

Q69. Best Director at the 55th Kerala State Film Awards:

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| (A) Rahul Sadasivan | (B) Jeethu Joseph |
| (C) Blessy | (D) Chidambaram (Manjummel Boys) |

Answer: (D) Chidambaram (Manjummel Boys)

Q70. Who chaired the jury of the 55th Kerala State Film Awards?

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) Shyam Benegal | (B) Prakash Raj |
| (C) Saeed Mirza | (D) Adoor Gopalakrishnan |

Answer: (B) Prakash Raj

Q71. Who won Best Actor at the 54th Kerala State Film Awards (Aadujeevitham)?

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| (A) Biju Menon | (B) Mammooty |
| (C) Prithviraj Sukumaran | (D) Joju George |

Answer: (C) Prithviraj Sukumaran

Note: Best Film: Kaathal - The Core.

Q72. Which film won Best Picture at the 98th Academy Awards (Oscars 2026)?

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|-------------|------------------------------|
| (A) Hamnet | (B) Sentimental Value |
| (C) Sinners | (D) One Battle After Another |

Answer: (D) One Battle After Another

Note: Held on 15 March 2026 at the Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles; host: Conan O'Brien.

Q73. Who won Best Actor at the Oscars 2026 for 'Sinners'?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Leonardo DiCaprio | (B) Michael B. Jordan |
| (C) Timothee Chalamet | (D) Wagner Moura |

Answer: (B) Michael B. Jordan

Q74. Who won Best Actress at the Oscars 2026 for 'Hamnet'?

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| (A) Rose Byrne | (B) Emma Stone |
| (C) Kate Hudson | (D) Jessie Buckley |

Answer: (D) Jessie Buckley

Q75. Who won Best Director at the Oscars 2026?

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) Guillermo del Toro | (B) Chloe Zhao |
| (C) Ryan Coogler | (D) Paul Thomas Anderson |

Answer: (D) Paul Thomas Anderson

Note: For One Battle After Another.

Q76. Which new Oscar category was introduced at the 2026 Academy Awards?

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) Best Casting | (B) Best Trailer |
| (C) Best Stunt Design | (D) Best Animated Short |

Answer: (A) Best Casting

Note: First winner: Cassandra Kulukundis.

Q77. The Kerala State Film Awards are given by:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| (A) Kerala Film Development Corporation | (B) Kerala State Chalachitra Academy |
| (C) Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi | (D) FEFKA |

Answer: (B) Kerala State Chalachitra Academy

Note: First awards were given in 1970 (Best Actor: Sathyan).

5. Kerala State Awards (Kerala Puraskaram)

Q78. Kerala Awards are announced every year on the eve of:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| (A) Republic Day | (B) Vishu |
| (C) Onam | (D) Kerala Piravi (1 November) |

Answer: (D) Kerala Piravi (1 November)

Note: First awards announced on 1 November 2022.

Q79. The three categories of the Kerala Awards in order of rank are:

- | | |
|---|---|
| (A) Kerala Sree, Kerala Prabha, Kerala Jyothi | (B) Kerala Ratna, Kerala Bhushan, Kerala Shri |
| (C) Kerala Jyothi, Kerala Prabha, Kerala Sree | (D) Kerala Jyothi, Kerala Sree, Kerala Prabha |

Answer: (C) Kerala Jyothi, Kerala Prabha, Kerala Sree

Note: Modelled on the Padma Awards.

Q80. Who was the first Kerala Jyothi awardee (2022)?

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) O.N.V. Kurup | (B) Adoor Gopalakrishnan |
| (C) Mammooty | (D) M.T. Vasudevan Nair |

Answer: (D) M.T. Vasudevan Nair

Note: Mammooty, Omchery N.N. Pillai and T. Madhava Menon received Kerala Prabha in 2022.

Q81. Who received the Kerala Jyothi Award 2025?

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) P.B. Aneesh | (B) Rajashree Warriar |
| (C) M.R. Raghava Varier | (D) Shashi Kumar |

Answer: (C) M.R. Raghava Varier

Note: Historian and scholar - for education.

Q82. Which dancer-writer received the Kerala Prabha Award 2025 in Arts?

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| (A) Mallika Sarabhai | (B) Kalamandalam Vimala Menon |
| (C) Rajashree Warriar | (D) Shobana |

Answer: (C) Rajashree Warriar

Note: P.B. Aneesh (agriculture) also received Kerala Prabha.

Q83. Which sportsperson (sailor) received the Kerala Sree Award 2025?

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| (A) Abhilash Tomy | (B) P.T. Usha |
| (C) Sanju Samson | (D) P.R. Sreejesh |

Answer: (A) Abhilash Tomy

Note: Indian Navy officer and Golden Globe Race sailor.

Q84. Which veteran journalist and Asianet founder received the Kerala Sree Award 2025?

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|--------------------|----------------|
| (A) T.N. Gopakumar | (B) N. Ram |
| (C) Shashikumar | (D) Vinod Jose |

Answer: (C) Shashikumar

Q85. Kerala Sree Award 2025 for the startup sector went to:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (A) M.K. Vimal Govind | (B) Sanjay Vijayakumar |
| (C) Binny Bansal | (D) Byju Raveendran |

Answer: (A) M.K. Vimal Govind

Note: Jilumol Mariet Thomas (social service) and Shahal Hassan Musliyar (education) also won.

Q86. The Kerala Awards were instituted in which year?

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| (A) 2021 | (B) 2023 |
| (C) 2018 | (D) 2015 |

Answer: (A) 2021

Note: First conferred in 2022.

Q87. Which Kerala award is the state's highest literary honour?

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Vallathol Award | (B) Mathrubhumi Award |
| (C) Ezhuthachan Puraskaram | (D) Vayalar Award |

Answer: (C) Ezhuthachan Puraskaram

6. Sports Honours

Q88. National Sports Awards 2025 were announced by the Sports Ministry in:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| (A) August 2026 (18 August) | (B) December 2025 |
| (C) March 2026 | (D) January 2026 |

Answer: (A) August 2026 (18 August)

Note: Selection committee chaired by Justice (Retd.) Arun Kumar Mishra.

Q89. How many Arjuna Awards were given in the National Sports Awards 2025?

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|--------|--------|
| (A) 5 | (B) 26 |
| (C) 17 | (D) 24 |

Answer: (C) 17

Note: Plus one Arjuna Award (Lifetime).

Q90. Was any sportsperson selected for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in the 2025 round?

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| (A) Yes, Divya Deshmukh | (B) No |
| (C) Yes, Hardik Singh | (D) Yes, Neeraj Chopra |

Answer: (B) No

Note: Similar instances occurred in 2008 and 2014.

Q91. Which chess player was among the 2025 Arjuna awardees along with Vidit Gujrathi?

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| (A) Harika Dronavalli | (B) R. Vaishali |
| (C) Koneru Humpy | (D) Divya Deshmukh |

Answer: (D) Divya Deshmukh

Q92. Which Kerala badminton player received the Arjuna Award 2025?

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|----------------------|------------------|
| (A) Ashwini Ponnappa | (B) Jwala Gutta |
| (C) Saina Nehwal | (D) Treasa Jolly |

Answer: (D) Treesa Jolly

Note: With Gayatri Gopichand - doubles pair.

Q93. The Arjuna Award was instituted in:

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|----------|----------|
| (A) 1971 | (B) 1985 |
| (C) 1961 | (D) 1991 |

Answer: (C) 1961

Note: Cash award Rs 15 lakh.

Q94. The Khel Ratna 2024 awardees included which chess world champion?

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) D. Gukesh | (B) R. Praggnanandhaa |
| (C) Viswanathan Anand | (D) Arjun Erigaisi |

Answer: (A) D. Gukesh

Note: Others: Manu Bhaker, Harmanpreet Singh and Praveen Kumar.

Q95. The Dronacharya Award is given for:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) Excellence in coaching | (B) Lifetime achievement |
| (C) Best university | (D) Sports journalism |

Answer: (A) Excellence in coaching

Q96. Khel Ratna was renamed after Major Dhyan Chand in:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| (A) 2016 | (B) 2023 |
| (C) 2021 | (D) 2019 |

Answer: (C) 2021

Note: Earlier named Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna.

7. International and Other Honours

Q97. Which Indian organisation became the first Indian organisation to win the Ramon Magsaysay Award (2025)?

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| (A) Pratham | (B) Educate Girls |
| (C) Sulabh International | (D) Akshaya Patra |

Answer: (B) Educate Girls

Note: Foundation to Educate Girls Globally, founded by Safeena Husain.

Q98. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is named after a president of:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| (A) The Philippines | (B) Indonesia |
| (C) Thailand | (D) Malaysia |

Answer: (A) The Philippines

Note: Instituted in 1958; called Asia's Nobel.

Q99. Which Maldivian environmental activist also won the Magsaysay Award 2025?

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| (A) Aminath Shauna | (B) Shaahina Ali |
| (C) Fathimath Ali | (D) Mariyam Shiuna |

Answer: (B) Shaahina Ali

Q100. Gita Press was a recent recipient of which Government of India award?

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| (A) Gandhi Peace Prize | (B) Jnanpith Award |
| (C) Bharat Ratna | (D) Padma Bhushan |

Answer: (A) Gandhi Peace Prize

Note: Conferred for 2021; the prize is Rs 1 crore.

Q101. The Gandhi Peace Prize carries a cash award of:

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| (A) Rs 51 lakh | (B) Rs 10 lakh |
| (C) Rs 1 crore | (D) Rs 25 lakh |

Answer: (C) Rs 1 crore

Note: Instituted in 1995 on Gandhi's 125th birth anniversary.

Q102. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award carries a cash prize of:

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| (A) Rs 1 crore | (B) Rs 25 lakh |
| (C) Rs 10 lakh | (D) Rs 5 lakh |

Answer: (C) Rs 10 lakh

Note: With a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus).

Q103. The Sahitya Akademi Award cash prize is:

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| (A) Rs 10 lakh | (B) Rs 25,000 |
| (C) Rs 5 lakh | (D) Rs 1 lakh |

Answer: (D) Rs 1 lakh

Note: Plus a copper plaque and shawl.

Q104. The Kerala Sahitya Akademi was established in:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| (A) 1950 | (B) 1975 |
| (C) 1956 | (D) 1960 |

Answer: (C) 1956

Note: Headquarters: Thrissur.

Quick Revision Snapshot (latest winners)

Award	Latest winner(s)
Padma Vibhushan 2026 (5)	Dharmendra (P), K.T. Thomas, N. Rajam, P. Narayanan, V.S. Achuthanandan (P)
Padma Bhushan 2026 (Kerala)	Mammootty, Vellappally Natesan
Bharat Ratna (last announced 2024)	Karpoori Thakur, L.K. Advani, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Charan Singh, M.S. Swaminathan
Nobel Peace 2025	Maria Corina Machado (Venezuela)
Nobel Literature 2025	Laszlo Krasznahorkai (Hungary)
Nobel Physics / Medicine 2026	Francis Halzen / Deisseroth, Hegemann, Nagel
Jnanpith 60th (2025)	R. Vairamuthu (Tamil)
Sahitya Akademi 2025 (Malayalam)	N. Prabhakaran - Maayaamanushyar
Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2025	K.G. Sankara Pillai
Vayalar Award 2025	E. Santhosh Kumar
Dadasaheb Phalke 2023 / 2024	Mohanlal / Anant Nag
National Film Awards 72nd - Best Actor	Mammootty (Bramayugam) and Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion)
Kerala State Film Awards 55th	Best Film Manjummel Boys; Best Actor Mammootty; Best Actress Shamla Hamza
Oscars 2026 (98th)	Best Picture One Battle After Another; Actor Michael B. Jordan; Actress Jessie Buckley
Booker 2025 / Intl Booker 2025	David Szalay (Flesh) / Banu Mushtaq (Heart Lamp)
Intl Booker 2026	Taiwan Travelogue - Yang Shuang-zi
Kerala Jyothi 2025	M.R. Raghava Varier
Magsaysay 2025	Educate Girls (India), Shaahina Ali, Flaviano Villanueva
National Sports Awards 2025	17 Arjuna awardees; no Khel Ratna

(P) = posthumous.