Awards / Prizes

National

Dadasaheb Phalke Award : Veteran film maker Shyam Benegal was honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2005 in New Delhi on September 14, 2007 by the Hon'ble President Ms. Pratibha Patil.

Filmfare Awards : *Rang De Basanti* won the Award for Best Film at the 52nd Filmfare Awards ceremony held in Mumbai, Maharashtra on February 24, 2007. The list of winners is given below:

Best Film : *Rang De Basanti*

Best Director : Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra *(Rang De Basanti)*

Best Actor : Hrithik Roshan *(Dhoom 2)*

Best Actress : Kajol *(Fanaa)*

Critic's Award for Best Film : *Lage Raho Munnabhai*

Critic's Award for Best Actor : Aamir Khan *(Rang De Basanti)*

Critic's Award for Best Actress : Kareena Kapoor *(Omkara)*

Best Actor in a Supporting Role : Abhishek Bachchan (*Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna*)

Best Actress in a Supporting Role : Konkona Sen Sharma (*Omkara*)

Best Actor in a Comic Role : Arshad Warsi (*Lage Raho Munnabhai*)

Best Actor in a Villainous Role : Saif Ali Khan (*Omkara*)

Best Playback Singer (Male) : Shaan, Kailash Kher – *'Chand Sifarish'* (*Fanaa*)

Best Playback Singer (Female) : Sunidhi Chauhan – *'Beedi Jalai Le'* (*Omkara*)

Best Music Award : A.R. Rahman (*Rang De Basanti*)

Best Lyricist : Prasoon Joshi – *Chand Sifarish* (*Fanaa*)

Best Debut : Kangana Ranaut

R.D. Burman Award : Naresh Iyer *(Rang De Basanti)*

Lifetime Achievement Awards : Jaya Bachchan and Javed Akhtar

Gandhi International Peace Prize, 2006 : Noted Bollywood actress Ms. Shabana Azmi has been awarded the Gandhi International Peace Prize the year 2006. The prestigious award is given by the London-based Gandhi Foundation.

Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration 2006 : The 22nd Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2006 has been awarded jointly to Mr. J.S. Bandukwala and Mr. Ram Puniyani for promoting communal harmony.

Jnanpith Award, 2004 : Eminent Kashmiri poet Mr. Rehman Rahi was chosen for the Jnanpith Award for 2004. Mr. Rahi, 82, is one of the most eminent poets and critics of the Kashmiri language. His notable creations include *Subhuk Soda, Kalami Rahi* and *Siyah Rode Jaren Manz*.

Khel Ratna Award 2006 for Manavjit : Ace trap shooter Manavjit Singh Sandhu was conferred the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for 2006 by Hon'ble President Ms. Pratibha Patil on August 29, 2007 at the Ashoka Hall in the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi.

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award : Renowned agricultural scientist Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has been chosen for the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management, 2006. Dr. Swaminathan has been selected in recognition of his pioneering work in the field of agricultural research.

National Communal Harmony Awards 2006 : Octogenarian social activist from Assam Mr. Rabindra Nath Upadhyay and Delhi-based Institute for Socialist Education were presented the National Communal Harmony Awards for 2006 by the then President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in New Delhi on May 23, 2007.

National Film Awards 2005 : The National Film Awards for 2005 were announced on August 7, 2007. The delay was due to court cases. The awardees in different categories are :

Best Feature Film : Budhadeb Dasgupta's *Kaalpurush*

Best Non-Feature Film : Gaurav A. Jani's *Riding Solo to the Top of The World*

Indira Gandhi Award for the Best First Film of a Director : *Parineeta*

Best Popular Film : *Rang De Basanti*

Best Actor : Amitabh Bachchan *(Black)*

Best Actress : Sarika (*Parzania)*

Best Direction : Rahul Dholakia (*Parzania)*

Best Audiography : Nakul Kamte for *Rang De Basanti*

Best Editing : P. S. Bharathi for *Rang De Basanti*

Best Playback Singer (Male) : Naresh Iyer for *Rang De Basanti*

Best Playback Singer (Female) : Shreya Ghoshal for *Paheli*

Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration : *Daivanamathil* (Malayalam)

Best Film on Family Welfare : *Thavamai Thavamiranthe* (Tamil)

Best Film on Other Social Issues : *Iqbal*

Best Film on Environment Conservation/ Preservation : Kannada film *Thutturi*

Best Children's Film : *Blue Umbrella*

Best Child Artist : Sai Kumar for *Bommalata – A Bellyful of Dreams*

Best Supporting Actress : Urvashi for *Achhuvinte Amma* (Malayalam)

Best Supporting Actor : Nasseeruddin Shah for *Iqbal*

Best Cinematography : Madhu Ambat for *Sringaram* (Tamil)

Best Screenplay : Prakash Jha, Sridhar Raghavan and Manoj Tyagi for *Apaharan*

Best Art Direction : C.B. More for *Taj Mahal – An Eternal Love Story*

Best Costume Designer : Anna Singh (*Taj Mahal – An Eternal Love Story)* and Sabyasachi Mukherjee (*Black)*

Special Jury Award : Anupam Kher (*Maine Gandhi Ko Nahin Mara)*

Best Music Direction : Lalgudi Jayaraman for *Sringaram* (Tamil)

Best Lyrics : Barguru Ramachandrappa (*Thaayi)* (Kannada)

Special Effects : Tata Elexi (*Anniyan)* (Tamil)

Best Choreography : Saroj Khan (*Sringaram)* (Tamil)

Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards : Hon'ble President Ms. Pratibha Patil presented the Oustanding Parliamentarian Awards to Union Agriculture Minister Mr. Sharad Pawar (2003), BJP leader Ms. Sushma Swaraj (2004), Union Finance Minister Mr. P. Chidambaram (2005) and Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, Minister of Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs and Sports (2006) in New Delhi on September 13, 2007.

Phalke Ratna Award : Bollywood legend Dilip Kumar was conferred the Phalke Ratna Award on April 30, 2007 in Mumbai on the occasion of 138th birth anniversary of Dada Saheb Phalke, the father of Indian cinema. The award was given to him by noted filmmaker Yash Chopra and Mumbai Mayor Dr. Shubha Raul during a function.

Sahitya Akademi Awards : The Sahitya Akademi selected two scholars – Mr. Veturi Ananada Murty and Dr. Ham. Pa. Nagarajaiah – for 'Bhasha Samman-2006' for their contribution to classical and medival literature.

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize : The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) announced the winners of the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize to 11 scientists for their oustanding contributions in various disciplines of science in New Delhi on September 26, 2007. The list of awardees included Narayanaswamy Srinivasan, Pundi Narasimham Rangarajan, Rama Govindarajan, B.V. Rajarama Bhat, Budaraju Srinivasa Murthy, A.Ajayaghosh, Anil Bhardwaj, Upinder Singh Bhalla, Amalendu Chandra,Yashwant Gupta and Pinaki Majumdar.

International

Abel Prize : Mr. Srinivasa Varadhan, a mathematician of Indian origin in the United States was presented the prestigious Abel Prize in Oslo on May 22, 2007 for his work on Probabilities. The prize was created by the Norwegian Government in 2002 to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of the great Norwegian mathematician, Niels Henrik Abel.

Annual Academy Awards 2007 : At the 79th Annual Academy Awards (popularly known as the Oscars) ceremony held in Los Angeles (USA) on February 25, 2007, *The Departed* won the award for Best Motion Picture. Following is the list of major winners :

Best Motion Picture of the Year : *The Departed*

Best Director : Martin Scorsese *(The Departed)*

Best Actor in a Leading Role : Forest Whitaker (*The Last King Of Scotland)*

Best Actress in a Leading Role : Helen Mirren (*The Queen*)

Best Actor in a Supporting Role : Alan Arkin *(Little Miss Sunshine)*

Best Actress in a Supporting Role : Jennifer Hudson *(Dreamgirls)*

Best Animated Feature Film of the Year : *Happy Feet*

Best Foreign Language Film : *The Lives Of Others* (Germany)

Annual Pulitzer Prizes : The 91st annual Pulitzer Prizes in Journalism were announced in New York on April 16, 2007. Following are the prominent winners :

Public Service : *The Wall Street Journal*

Investigative Reporting : *The Wall Street Journal*

Breaking News : *Oregonian*

Investigative Journalism : Brett Blackledge, *Birmingham News*

Explanatory Journalism : Kenneth R. Weiss, Usha Lee McFarling and Rick Loomis, *Los Angeles Times*

Local Reporting : Debbie Cenziper, *Miami Herald*

National Reporting : Charlie Savage, *Boston Globe*

International Reporting : *The Wall Street Journal*

Chinua Achebe awarded 2007 Man Booker International Prize : Famous Nigerian novelist Mr. Chinua Achebe was awarded the '2007 Man Booker International Prize' for fiction in London on June 13, 2007. Mr. Achebe is best known for his first novel 'Things Fall Apart'. Most of Achebe's work centres on African society and politics.

Golden Palm Award : Romanian Director Cristian Mungiu won the Golden Palm Award in the Cannes Film Festival 2007 for his movie *4 Months, Three Weeks and Two Days*. The film is about a young women seeking an illegal abortion during Romania's communist rule.

India Abroad Person of the Year Awards, 2006 : The weekly *India Abroad* presented the India Abroad Person of the Year Awards in New York on March 24, 2007. Ms. Indra Nooyi, CEO and Chairperson-designate of Pepsi Co., was chosen as the Indian Abroad Person of the Year 2006. Mr. Swadesh Chatterjee was presented the First Community Leader Award 2006. Novelist Salman Rushdie was chosen for the first India Abroad Lifetime Achievement Award for his stellar corpus of work, and for his tireless encouragement to young writers. Astronaut Sunita Williams, who is currently orbiting the Earth, was conferred the India Abroad Publisher's Award for Excellence.

International Gandhi Award : The Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation of Maharashtra has awarded its 10th International Gandhi Award to Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation and the World Health Organization's Goodwill Ambassador for the Elimination of Leprosy on April 12, 2007 in Mumbai. At the award ceremony, Vice-President Mr. Bhairon S. Shekhawat handed a certificate to Mr. Sasakawa.

Nobel Prize 2007 : The list of Nobel Prize winners for 2007 was announced by Royal Swedish Academy in October 2007. The distinguished awardees associated with six different fields are as follows :

Peace : The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and former US Vice-President Mr. Al Gore.

Literature : Ms. Doris Lessing (UK)

Physics : Prof. Albert Fert (France) and Prof. Peter Gruenberg (Germany) for a discovery that has minimised the

size of hard disks in computers, iPods and other devices.

Medicine : Prof. Mario R. Capecchi (USA), Prof. Martin J. Evans (UK) and Prof. Oliver Smithies (USA) for the creation of 'designer mice' to track the roles of different genes in human development and disease.

Chemistry : Prof. Gerhard Ertl for his studies of chemical reactions on solid surface, vital for understanding questions related to the thinning of ozone layer.

Economics : Prof. Leonid Hurwicz (USA), Prof. Eric S. Maskin (USA) and Prof. Roger B. Myerson (USA).

Ramon Magsaysay Award 2007 : Noted media person, Mr. Palagummi Sainath of India has been honoured with the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay award for 2007 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the fields of journalism, literature and the art of creative communication. The other prominent awardees are as follows :

Jovito R. Salonga (The Philippines) : Government Service

Rev. Kim Sun-Tae (Korea) : Public Service

Mahabir Pun (Nepal) : Community Leadership

Tang Xiyang (China) : Peace & International Understanding

Chung To (China) : Emergent Leadership

Chen Guangcheng (China) : Emergent Leadership

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