Dadasaheb Phalke Award

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Why in news?

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced that Mohanlal, a Malayalam actor, conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023, will be presented at the *71st National Film Awards ceremony.*

- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the ***Indian cinema's highest honor***.
- The award is presented ***annually*** at the *National Film Awards ceremony* by the Indian Government's Directorate of Film Festivals.
- **Purpose -** It is awarded for ***outstanding contribution*** to the growth and development of Indian cinema.
- **Instituted in –**1969, by the Government of India to commemorate Dadasaheb Phalke's contribution to Indian cinema.
- **Announced by -** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Citation -** It consists of a 'Swarna Kamal' (Golden Lotus), a cash prize of ***Rs 10 lakh***, a certificate, a silk roll, and a shawl.
- **Presented by -** The ***President of India*** in the presence of Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting and others.
- **First recipient -** Devika Rani Roerich in 1969.
- **Previous winners** - Mithun Chakraborty (2024), Waheeda Rehman (2023), and Asha Parekh (2022).

Quick Facts

Dhundiraj Govind Phalke

• Dhundiraj Govind Phalke (1870–1944), also known as Dadasaheb Phalke, is a pioneering filmmaker in India.
• He is often regarded as ***"the father of Indian cinema".***
• He was born in 1870 at Trimbak in Maharashtra.
• Before venturing into films, Phalke worked as a photographer, and had even worked with the famed painter 'Raja Ravi Varma'.
• In 1913, Phalke wrote, produced, and directed ***India's first feature film,*** the silent ***'Raja Harishchandra'***.
• Phalke's fortunes dwindled with the arrival of sound in cinema, and he died in 1944 at Nashik after retiring from films.

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