

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.

Reference

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