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Best Film at Las Vegas Indie Awards 2026

- A film titled '**Adishakti**' has won the Best Film Award at the Las Vegas Indie Awards in the United States. The film which was produced under the production house Ayra Motion Pictures, has gained national and international acclaim.
- It has also been selected for screening in Las Vegas. The film will be released in various cinema theatres in Assam on 4th December 2026.
- Film: Adishakti
- Award: Best Film
- Festival: Las Vegas Indie Awards
- Location: Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
- Director: Bitopan Kashyap
- Production House: Ayra Motion Pictures



National Gopal Ratna Award 2026

- The winners of the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2026 have been announced. It aims to acknowledge efforts made towards preservation and improvement of native bovine species.

- The awards have been given to dairy farmers rearing indigenous cattle and buffalo, dairy cooperative societies and producer organizations, and artificial insemination technicians. A total of 1,583 applications were received for these awards.
- It is an initiative by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- These awards were introduced under the **Rashtriya Gokul Mission scheme** to recognize efforts made by individuals/organisations in the preservation, improvement, and promotion of native bovine species.

Best Dairy Farmer (indigenous cattle/buffalo)

Rank	Name	State
1	Shri Muralidharan Nair	Kerala
2	Shri Odedra Rajshibhai	Gujarat
3	Shri Madan Mohan Yadav	Haryana
Special Award (NER/Himalayan States)	Shri Sagar Singh Rawat.	Uttarakhand

Best Dairy Cooperative Societies/MPC/FPO

Rank	Name	Location
1	TND 93 Thatchur MPCS	Kallakurichi, Tamil Nadu
2	Dinka Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd	Mandya, Karnataka

3	Eruthenpathy Ksheerolpadaka Sahakarana Sangam	Palakkad, Kerala
Special Award (NER/Himalayan States)	The Chak Devia Dairy Cooperative Ltd	Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir.

Best Artificial Insemination Technicians (AIT)

Rank	Name	State
1	Shri Subhankar Nandi	West Bengal
2	Shri Rajesh Kumar Mahto	Jharkhand
3	Shri Shaik Shafi	Andhra Pradesh
Special Award (NER/Himalayan States)	Shri Sudhesh Kumar	Uttarakhand



Dr Colleen Begg Receives 2026 Prince William Award

- Dr Colleen Begg from South Africa has won the 2026 Prince William Award for Conservation in Africa. The award was presented at the Tusk Conservation Awards in London by Prince William.

- Dr Begg has worked in conservation for over 30 years, and has worked to protect endangered species in Mozambique for over 20 years.
- She is the first female to win the lifetime achievement award in the history of the awards, which were first given out in 2013.
- Colleen is a conservationist from South Africa. She has worked to protect wildlife within local communities in Mozambique.
- The Niassa Carnivore Project works in the Niassa Special Reserve of Mozambique. This area of protected land covers around 42,000 km2 .
- The project aims to conserve 4 key carnivore species,
- Lions
- Leopards
- Spotted hyenas
- African wild dogs



First SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum

- On 20th November 2026, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally opened the First Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Civilisational Dialogue Forum at Purana Qila, New Delhi. This aims to improve Cultural Links and people-to-people ties and recognise common civilisations between SCO member nations.
- Prime Minister stated that encouraging civilisational dialogue can create global peace and understanding. He also suggested increasing cooperation in areas such as conservation, digital innovations, research and cultural tourism.
- The Prime Minister highlighted long-standing cultural and intellectual exchanges between India with Central Asia, China, and other regions.

- Trade and Cultural Links
- Over 5000 years ago, there were trade links between the Indus Valley Civilisation and Mesopotamia.
- Silk routes and other trade routes have existed between India, China, Central Asia and Eurasia.
- Merchants, scholars, explorers and religious figures facilitated a transfer of ideas, languages, and cultural practices.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a political, economic and security agreement in Eurasia. It aims to encourage cooperation, build trust and create stability within the region.
- Formed: 15th June 2001
- Member nations: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
- Headquarters: Beijing, China
- India joined: 2017
- Cooperation: Security, Economic, Connectivity, Cultural
- Languages: Chinese and Russian.
- The SCO developed from the “Shanghai Five” formed in 1996.



Lonar Lake Added to IUGS Geological Heritage List

- Lonar Lake in Maharashtra’s Buldhana district has been included in the **International Union of Geological Sciences**’ (IUGS) “Third 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites” list. The Ministry of Mines confirmed the recognition on November 13, 2026.
- The announcement was made at the IUGS Geoheritage Event in Algarve, Portugal, held from November 4 to 8, 2026.

- The Geological Survey of India submitted the nomination, which received preliminary approval at the IUGS Executive Committee's 82nd meeting in Bogotá, Colombia, in January 2026. Lonar is India's second site on the list, after Meghalaya's Mawmluh Cave, recognised in 2022.
- Lonar is a hypervelocity meteorite-impact crater about 1.88 kilometres in diameter and an estimated 12,000 years old. It lies within the Deccan Traps, a succession of volcanic basalt rocks formed about 65 million years ago, and is one of five known hypervelocity impact craters on Earth formed in basalt.
- IUGS recognition aims to promote the site's scientific value, education and preservation; it is also expected to support tourism and geological research in the **Buldhana and Vidarbha regions**.



Meera Mukherjee Book Wins Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize

- From the Depth of the Mould: Meera Mukherjee (1923–1998), A Centenary Tribute won the fourth Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize on 19 November 2026. Edited by art and cultural historian Tapati Guha Thakurta, the book was published by Jadavpur University Press and Galerie 88.
- India has beenThe award ceremony was held at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi. The prize comprises ₹1 lakh, a trophy and a certificate.
- The volume brings together archival photographs, personal writings and critical essays on Mukherjee's artistic journey and contribution to modern Indian art, including her engagement with traditional metal-crafting communities.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. Which Assamese film won the Best Film Award at the Las Vegas Indie Awards 2026?

A) Village Rockstars
B) Adishakti
C) Bulbul Can Sing
D) Aamis

Correct Answer: B) Adishakti

Explanation: *Adishakti*, directed by Bitopan Kashyap and produced by Ayra Motion Pictures, received the Best Film Award at the Las Vegas Indie Awards 2026. Its theatrical release in Assam is scheduled for 4 December 2026.

Q2. The National Gopal Ratna Awards are associated with which government initiative?

A) National Livestock Mission
B) Rashtriya Gokul Mission
C) National Dairy Plan
D) PM Matsya Sampada Yojana

Correct Answer: B) Rashtriya Gokul Mission

Explanation: The National Gopal Ratna Awards are organised by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission to promote the conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds.

Q3. Who won the 2026 Prince William Award for Conservation in Africa?

A) Jane Goodall
B) Dr Colleen Begg
C) Wangari Maathai
D) Birutė Galdikas

Correct Answer: B) Dr Colleen Begg

Explanation: Dr Colleen Begg, a conservationist from South Africa, received the 2026 Prince William Award for her decades-long contribution to wildlife conservation, particularly in Mozambique.

Q4. The Niassa Special Reserve, associated with Dr Colleen Begg's conservation work, is located in which country?

A) Kenya
B) Tanzania
C) Mozambique
D) South Africa

Correct Answer: C) Mozambique

Explanation: The Niassa Carnivore Project operates in Mozambique's Niassa Special Reserve and focuses on protecting species such as lions, leopards, spotted hyenas and African wild dogs.

Q5. Where was the first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum inaugurated on 20 November 2026?

A) Red Fort, New Delhi
B) Purana Qila, New Delhi
C) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Correct Answer: B) Purana Qila, New Delhi

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Civilisational Dialogue Forum at Purana Qila, New Delhi.

Q6. In which year was the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) established?

A) 1996
B) 1999
C) 2001
D) 2005

Correct Answer: C) 2001

Explanation: The SCO was established on 15 June 2001. It evolved from the Shanghai Five grouping, which was formed in 1996.

Q7. Lonar Lake, recently recognised among the IUGS Geological Heritage Sites, is located in which Indian state?

A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Maharashtra
C) Gujarat
D) Karnataka

Correct Answer: B) Maharashtra

Explanation: Lonar Lake is situated in Buldhana district of Maharashtra. It is a meteorite-impact crater formed in the basaltic rocks of the Deccan Traps.

Q8. Lonar Lake was formed due to which geological phenomenon?

A) Volcanic eruption
B) Glacial erosion
C) Hypervelocity meteorite impact
D) Tectonic movement

Correct Answer: C) Hypervelocity meteorite impact

Explanation: Lonar Lake is a hypervelocity meteorite-impact crater approximately 1.88 km in diameter and around 12,000 years old.

Q9. Who edited the book *From the Depth of the Mould: Meera Mukherjee (1923–1998), A Centenary Tribute*?

A) Arundhati Roy
B) Tapati Guha Thakurta
C) Geeta Kapur
D) Gayatri Sinha

Correct Answer: B) Tapati Guha Thakurta

Explanation: The book, edited by art and cultural historian Tapati Guha Thakurta, won the fourth Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize on 19 November 2026.

Q10. What is the cash prize associated with the Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize?

A) ₹50,000
B) ₹75,000
C) ₹1 lakh
D) ₹2 lakh

Correct Answer: C) ₹1 lakh

Explanation: The Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize carries a cash award of ₹1 lakh, along with a trophy and certificate.