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1. Russian poet Maria Stepanova wins Leipzig Book Prize 2023



Maria Stepanova, a renowned Russian writer currently residing in Berlin, has been awarded the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023.

2. Three imprisoned Iranian female journalists win top UN prize



- a. On May 3, UNESCO marked World Press Freedom Day by awarding its annual World Press Freedom Prize to three imprisoned Iranian female journalists.
- b. The winners, Niloufar Hamedei, Elaheh Mohammadi, and Narges Mohammadi, were recognized for their work in reporting on human rights abuses in Iran and their commitment to truth and accountability.

3. Michael Douglas to Receive Honorary Palme d'Or at Cannes



- a. The Cannes Film Festival will honor Michael Douglas with an honorary Palme d'Or for his outstanding career and contributions to cinema.
- b. The 78-year-old actor will be celebrated during the festival's opening ceremony on May 16.
- c. Douglas has had a diverse career, starring in numerous acclaimed films like The China Syndrome, Basic Instinct, Falling Down, and Behind the Candelabra, all of which have previously been shown at Cannes.

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4. Socialist Pandit Ramkishan Becomes Man Of The Century At 97



- a. Former Lok Sabha MP Pandit Ramkishan was recently awarded the title of “Shatabdi Purush” (Man of the Century) in New Delhi in recognition of his contributions as a socialist leader.
- b. The honor was bestowed on him during the birth centenary celebrations of Madhu Limaye, a renowned socialist ideologue and parliamentarian.
- c. Ramkishan is considered the most senior and iconic figure in Indian socialism and has been recognized as the “Socialist Shatabdi Purush”.

5. Neeli Bendapudi to Receive Immigrant Achievement Award for Contributions to Higher Education



- a. Neeli Bendapudi, the current president of Penn State University, is set to receive the Immigrant Achievement Award for her significant contributions to higher education in the United States.
- b. The award recognizes immigrants who have made significant contributions to their communities and professions.
- c. Bendapudi’s journey to becoming the first female and person of color to serve as Penn State’s president began in India.
- d. She was born in Visakhapatnam and moved to the United States in 1986 to pursue her doctoral studies in marketing at the University of Kansas