



Mohanlal Honored with Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Why in News?

Veteran Malayalam actor Mohanlal will receive the prestigious [Dadasaheb Phalke Award](#) for 2023, as announced by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

- The award will be conferred on Mohanlal on 23rd September 2025, during the [71st National Film Awards](#) ceremony.



Key Points

- **About:** Born on 21st May 1960, in Pathanamthitta, Mohanlal began his acting career with **Thiranottam (1978)** and debuted as a villain in **Manjil Virinja Pookkal (1980)**.
 - By 1986, his role in **Rajavinte Makan** established him as **Malayalam cinema's first modern superstar**.
 - With over 45 years and 400 films to his name, Mohanlal remains a defining figure in **Mollywood**, starring in notable films like **Thanmathra, Iruvar, Drishyam**, and **Lucifer**.
 - He won the National Film Award for Best Actor in 1991 and received the **Padma Shri** in 2001 and the **Padma Bhushan** in 2019.
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award:**
 - It is the **country's highest film honour**, introduced in 1969, conferred for "Outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema".
 - It was awarded for the first time to **Devika Rani**, "the first lady of Indian cinema".
 - This award includes a '**Swarna Kamal**,' a cash prize of INR 10 lakh, a certificate, a silk roll, and a shawl.
 - The **President** of India presents it.
- **Dhundiraj Govind Phalke:**
 - He was an Indian producer, director, and screenwriter who directed India's first feature film, **Raja Harischandra (1913)**.
 - He is known as the **"Father of Indian Cinema"**.

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