

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, 2021

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In news- The names of 11 scientists, who received the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology 2021, were announced during the 80th foundation day of the CSIR.

About the award-

- Established in **1958**, the award is presented annually by the CSIR with a memento and prize money of 5 lakhs.
- It is **awarded** for outstanding research in **seven fields** – Biology, Chemistry, Environment Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine and Physics.
- Every specialty will have no more than 2 award winners.
- The **award winner must be an Indian resident with 45 years of research in the field.**
- His **work shall be made in the jurisdiction of India.**
- Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) working in India are also eligible.
- The **names of the recipients are made public on 26 September**, the CSIR Foundation Day by the Director-General, CSIR.

About Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar-

- He was an Indian colloid chemist, academic and scientific administrator.
- The first director-general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), he is revered as the **“father of research laboratories”** in India.
- He was also the **first Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).**
- For his contributions to pure and applied chemistry, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 1936 New Year

Honours List.

- The **British government knighted him in 1941** for his contributions to the advancement of science.
- He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) in 1943.
- In independent India, he was the President of the Indian Chemical Society, National Institute of Sciences of India and the Indian National Science Congress.
- He was awarded Padma Bhushan by the Government of India in 1954.