



Grammy Award 2024

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Why in News?

Shakti, a fusion music group comprising tabla maestro **Zakir Hussain** and singer **Shankar Mahadevan**, has won the **66th Grammy Award (2024)** for **Best Global Music Album** for **"This Moment"**.

- Shakti's third studio album, **"This Moment,"** was released on 23rd June 2023, marking their return after 46 years under the same name.

What are Grammy Awards?

▪ About:

- **Grammy Award** (originally named **Gramophone Award**) is a series of awards presented annually in the **United States (US)** by the **National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS)** or the Latin Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (LARAS), (LARAS only for recordings in Spanish/Portuguese languages).
 - This annual event to recognize musical achievements was started in 1959 to respect the performers for the year 1958. The **honorees receive a golden statuette of a gramophone.**

▪ India's Performance in 2024 Awards:

- **Shakti, comprising Zakir Hussain, Shankar Mahadevan, John McLaughlin, Ganesh Rajagopalan, and Selvaganesh Vinayakram, won the 2024 Grammy for their album "This Moment."**
 - Described as an "unprecedented transcontinental collaboration," Shakti brings together musicians from **both Eastern and Western traditions**, pioneering the blueprint for what is now recognized as world music.
- **Zakir Hussain** clinches an additional pair of victories, **securing two more Grammys** at the ceremony.
 - He earned one for the **best global music performance with 'Pashto'** and another for the **best contemporary instrumental album 'As We Speak,'**
 - The album also features Indian flute player **Rakesh Chaurasia**, the nephew of the renowned flautist **Hariprasad Chaurasia.**

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Prelims

Q. To integrate cultural leaders into its meetings, which one of the following gives "Crystal Award"? (2009)

- (a) Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
- (b) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- (c) World Health Organization
- (d) World Economic Forum

Ans: D

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