

Dirac Medal

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Dirac Medal Latest News

Recently, Deepak Dhar, a theoretical physicist from Uttar Pradesh has been named the co-recipient of Dirac Medal.

About Dirac Medal

- It was first **awarded in 1985**.
- It is given in **honor of P.A.M. Dirac**, one of the **greatest physicists** of the 20th century.
- It is **awarded annually on Dirac's birthday** (August 8), to scientists who have made significant **contributions to theoretical physics**.
- It is awarded by the **International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)**.
- **Selection Process:** An international committee of distinguished scientists selects the winners from a list of nominated candidates.
- The Dirac Medal **is not awarded to Nobel Laureates, Fields Medallists, or Wolf Foundation Prize winners**, although several past Dirac medallists later went on to receive those honours.
- **Cash Prize:** The Medalist also receives a **prize of US \$5,000**.

What is the International Centre for Theoretical Physics?

- It is an international research institute for **physical and mathematical sciences**.
- The centre was **founded in 1964**.
- It **operates under a tripartite agreement** between the **Italian Government, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**, and **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**.
- ICTP is a **UNESCO Category 1 Institute**.
- It is located in **Trieste, Italy**.

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