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Awards

- ▶ Portuguese Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo became First to be named Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Men's Player of the Year for consecutive 3 seasons - 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- ▶ 12-year old Indian girl Poorvi G B has been awarded *best performer* subtitle at *Little Miss World 2017* pageant held in Greece.
- ▶ 18th edition International Indian Film Academy Awards held in New York (USA). Awards are - .
 - ▶ Best Actor: Shahid Kapoor (Udta Punjab)
 - ▶ Best Actress: Alia Bhatt (Udta Punjab)
 - ▶ Best Film: Neerja
 - ▶ Best Debutante: Disha Patani (M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story)
 - ▶ Best Debutant: Diljit Dosanjh (Udta Punjab)
 - ▶ Woman of The Year: Taapsee Pannu
 - ▶ Special Contribution to Indian Cinema: AR Rahman
 - ▶ Best Supporting Actress: Shabana Azmi (Neerja)
 - ▶ Best Supporting Actor: Anupam Kher (M.S Dhoni: The Untold Story)
 - ▶ Best Director: Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury (Pink)
 - ▶ Best Story – Shakun Batra and Ayesha DeVitre Dhillon (Kapoor & Sons)
 - ▶ Best Music Director: Pritam (Ae Dil Hai Mushkil)
 - ▶ Best Lyricist: Amitabh Bhattacharya (Ae Dil Hai Mushkil)
 - ▶ Best Singer Male: Amit Mishra (Ae Dil Hai Mushkil)
 - ▶ Best Singer Female- Tulsi Kumar (Airlift) and Kanika Kapoor (Udta Punjab)
- ▶ 2 Indian-Americans - Adobe Chief Shantanu Narayen and former US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy are among 38 persons named for this year's *Great Immigrants: The Pride of America Award 2017*.
- ▶ 2017 BBC Sports Awards -
 - ▶ Sports Personality of the Year - British Distance Runner Mo Farah.
 - ▶ Overseas Sports Personality of the Year - Swiss Tennis Player Roger Federer (winner for fourth time)
 - ▶ Sports Personality Team of the Year - England Women's Cricket Team
 - ▶ Sports Personality of the Year Lifetime Achievement - Jessica Ennis-Hill (British track and field athlete)
 - ▶ Sports Personality of the Year Coach - Benke Blomkvist, Stephen Maguire and Christian Malcolm
 - ▶ BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year: Phil Foden (English Footballer)
- ▶ 2017 Balzan Prize Winners -
 - ▶ James P Allison (USA) - For Immunological Approaches in Cancer Therapy that enhanced the survival of patients with metastatic melanoma.
 - ▶ Bina Agarwal (Indian British) - For her heroic work studying women's contributions to agriculture in India.
 - ▶ Michael Gillon (Belgium) - For his work that helped finding new solar systems of planet Earth using robotic telescopes, instead of much more costly satellites.

📌 Germans Aleida and Jan Assmann (Germany) - For presenting collective memory as a requirement for forming identity of religious and political communities.

7. ▶ 2017 Magsaysay Awards -

📌 Winners -

📌 Lilia De Lima (PHILIPPINES) - For harnessing sustained, non-stop and credible public service.

📌 Yoshiaki Ishizawa (JAPAN): For restoring Cambodia's treasured gift to world culture.

📌 Abdon Nababan (INDONESIA): For giving compelling face and voice to Adat communities and their rights.

📌 Philippine Educational Theater Association (PHILIPPINES): For empowering communities for development action through theater arts.

📌 Getsie Shanmugam (SRI LANKA): For rebuilding lives from the psychosocial wounds of war and violence.

📌 Tony Tay (SINGAPORE): For mobilizing collective goodwill to address hidden hunger.

📌 About Magsaysay Award -

📌 Ramon Magsaysay Awards' is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society

📌 It is a reputed honour and termed as Nobel Prize of Asia.

8. ▶ 2017's *Kalakar Puraskar* instituted by Mandd Sobhann will be conferred on Noted Konkani folk artiste Gopal Gowda.

📌 *Kalakar Puraskar* honors Konkani artistes from fields of folk arts, theatre, music and dance. Award carries a cash award of Rs 25,000 and a citation.

9. ▶ 27 journalists honored in 12th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards. Award includes a trophy and a reward of Rs 1 lakh.

10. ▶ 30th Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015 and 2016 has been awarded to Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna for his services in promoting National Integration in India.

📌 The award consists of a citation and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh and is bestowed on Oct 31.

11. ▶ 48th International Film Festival of India 2017 (IFFI 2017) held in Goa -

📌 Facts -

📌 Canada was the focus country of IFFI Goa 2017.

📌 *Beyond the Clouds* directed by Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi was opening film this year, while Pablo Cesar-directed Indo-Argentine film *Thinking of Him* was closing film.

📌 Jahnu Barua was chairtman of Steering Committee and Vivek Agnihotri was chairman of Film Preview Committee.

📌 World's first Sanskrit 3D film 'Anurakthi' screened during IFFI 2017.

📌 Awards -

📌 Indian film personality of 2017 - Amitabh Bachchan

📌 Lifetime achievement - Canadian filmmaker Atom Egoyan.

📌 Best film (Golden Peacock award) - *120 Beats Per Minute* (French movie) directed by Robin Campullo.

📌 Best director - Vivian Qu for *Angels Wear White* (China).

📌 Special Jury Award - *Take-off* (Malayalam film-India)

📌 Best Actor (Female) - Parvathy for *Take Off*

📌 Best Actor (Male) - Nahuel Perez Biscayart for *120 Beats Per Minute*.

📌 Best Debut Feature Film Director - Kiro Russo for *Dark Skull* (Spanish).

📌 ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal - *Kshitij-A Horizon* (Marathi movie) directed by Manouj Kadamh.

12. ▶ 67th edition of Miss World Beauty pageant held in Sanya (China) -

📌 **India's Manushi Chhillar (Haryana) won the Title**, Bringing Miss world Crown back to India After 17 Years (Priyanka Chopra winning in 2000).

13. ▶ *Govardhan Eco Village* set up by International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in Palghar (Maharashtra) won Green Platinum Award during Green Building Congress 2017 held at Jaipur (Rajasthan).

14. ▶ *The Hindu Playwright Award 2017* has been given to Gerish Khemani and Akshat Nigam for their play *In Search of DariyaSagar*, during 13th edition of *The Hindu Theatre festival*.

15. ▶ *Yeraringan* Award has been conferred upon Noted Agricultural Scientist M.S. Swaminathan.

16. ▶ AFC Asian Football Awards -

📌 Male Player of the Year - Omar Kharbin (he became First syrian ever to win this title)

📌 Men's Coach of the Year - Takafumi Hori (Japan)

📌 International Player of the Year - Son Heung-min (South Korea)

👉 Women's Player of the Year -Samantha Kerr (Australia)

17. ▶ Aamir Khan Film Dangal chosen as Best Asian Film at 7th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards, in Sydney.
18. ▶ Actor Anupam Kher received Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award. Saira Banu, who moved Supreme Court seeking a ban on instantaneous 'Triple Talaq' among Muslims, is the second recipient of Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award.
19. ▶ Actor Prakash Raj received Kota Shivaram Karanth Huttura Prashasti award in Kota (Udupi district), Karnataka.
20. ▶ Actor Sonu Sood received Punjab Ratan award from State Govt. for his contribution to welfare of people of Punjab.
21. ▶ Actor Trisha Krishnan has been conferred UNICEF celebrity advocate status for child rights, becoming first South Indian actor industry to receive this honour.
22. ▶ Akinwumi Adesina (Nigeria), President of African Development Bank will be honored by 2017 World Food Prize.
👉 Since 1987, World Food Prize is awarded annually by World Food Prize Foundation to recognize contributions in any field related to world food supply.
23. ▶ American author George Saunders won 2017 Man Booker Prize for his novel *Lincoln in the Bardo*.
👉 It is given by *Man Group* (UK) with £50,000 as Prize Money. Man Booker Prize begun in 2005. It is 8th edition of these awards.
24. ▶ Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu has been honoured with prestigious Golden Peacock Award in 17th London Global Convention, in category of *Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation*.
25. ▶ Andhra Pradesh state government Announced Nandi Awards 2014 - 2016 -
👉 Nandi Awards are given by AP State Government to honor artists in Telugu Cinema, that were discontinued in 2014 when new state Telangana was born. Awards for 3 successive years (2014-16) are announced now.

👉 Nandi Awards 2014

- 👉 Best Film: Legend
- 👉 Best Director: Boyapati
- 👉 Best Actor: Nandamuri Balakrishna
- 👉 Best Actress: Anjali

👉 Nandi Awards 2015

- 👉 Best Film: Baahubali
- 👉 Best Director : S S Rajamouli
- 👉 Best Actor: Mahesh Babu

👉 Nandi Awards 2016

- 👉 Best Film: Pelli Choopulu
- 👉 Best Director : SatishVegesna
- 👉 Best Actor: Junior NTR
- 👉 Best Actress: Ritu Varma

👉 Special Awards

👉 NTR National Award -

- 👉 2014 - Kamal Hassan
- 👉 2015 - K Raghavendra Rao
- 👉 2016 - Rajanikanth

👉 BN Reddy State Award -

- 👉 2014 - SS Rajamouli
- 👉 2015 - Trivikram Srinivas
- 👉 2016 -Boyapati Srinivas

👉 Nagireddy and Chaprani State Award -


- 👉 2014 -Narayana Murthy
- 👉 2015 - Keeravani
- 👉 2016 - K S Rama Rao

👉 Raghupati Venkaiah State Award -









- 👉 2014 - Krishnam Raju
- 👉 2015 - Eshwar
- 👉 2016 - Chiranjeevi

👉 Special Jury Award -

 2014 - Siddala Ashok Teja

 2015 - P C Reddy



 2016 - Paruchuri Brothers

26. ▶ Argentinian Footballer Lionel Messi Received Golden Shoe award (*handed to Europe's top goalscorer*) for his 37 Goals in Spanish Football League in 2016-17. It is fourth time Messi has won this title, equalling Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal).
27. ▶ Around 3.5 lakh students in Gujarat will get 7-inch 'NAMO E-Tab' tablets at a subsidised rate of Rs 1,000 each under a state government scheme. The market Price for these Tablets is INR 8000 for one unit.
28. ▶ Asia Pacific Screen Awards in Brisbane, Australia -
 Bollywood movie 'Newton' secured 2 awards with Rajkummar Rao winning best actor award and Mayank Tewari and Amit V. Masurkar secured best screenplay honour. Newton is directed by Amit V. Masurkar.
29. ▶ Awards for Display at 37th IITF (*India International Trade Fair*) Delhi 2017 -
 Gold - Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
 Silver - Ministry of Power
 Bronze - Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
30. ▶ BJP leader L.K. Advani received Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions as a parliamentarian in Lok Sabha while JDU leader Sharad Yadav also received Lifetime Achievement Award as a Rajya Sabha representative. Awardess were selected by a jury headed by Shivraj Patil. Additionally, N.K. Premachandran was named Best Parliamentarian in lok sabha and Sitaram Yechury is named Best Parliamentarian in Rajya Sabha.
31. ▶ Badminton Player Prakash Padukone conferred with first Lifetime Achievement Award instituted by Badminton Association of India (BAI). He won 1980 All England and won a bronze at 1983 World Championship in Copenhagen (Denmark).
32. ▶ Bengali writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen won *Author in Bengali language* category at 2nd edition of Big Little Book Awards, under Parag initiative of Tata Trusts to promote children's literature.
33. ▶ Blue Planet Prize (*Noted as Most prestigious award in environmental science*), has been given to German theoretical physicist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber.
34. ▶ Cannes International Festival of Creativity (France) will honour Indians Piyush & Prasoon Pandey with Cannes Lions' Lifetime Achievement Award, becoming 1st Asians to win this award.
35. ▶ Choti Kumari from Bihar won International acclaim for her efforts to uplift Musahar community in Bihar, considered most downtrodden community in state's caste-ridden society. Title was *Women's Creativity in Rural Life Award* and was given by Switzerland-based Women's World Summit Foundation.
36. ▶ East Bengal Football Club Awards -
 Bharat Gaurav - Dhanraj Pillay (Hockey)
 Lifetime Achievement Awards - Subhsh Bhowmick and syed Naemuddin.
 Footballer of the Year - Gurwinder Singh
 Cricketer of the Year -Boddupalli Amit
37. ▶ Egyptian journalist Khaled el-Balshy won Individual Activist award of *Nelson Mandela – Graca Machel Innovation Awards*. He made several attempts to publicly reveal violations by Egyptian government.
38. ▶ Eric Vuillard's novel *L'ordre du jour* (in English 'Agenda'), story of how German industry and finance backed Adolf Hitler, won Goncourt Prize 2017 award (Top Award in French-speaking world).
39. ▶ FE Best Banks Awards 2015-16 held in Mumbai. Winners -





Category	Winner
Best Nationalised Bank	State Bank of India (SBI)
Best Old Private Sector Bank	City Union Bank
Best New Private Sector Bank	HDFC Bank
Lifetime Achievement Award	Uday Kotak
Banker of the Year	Arundhati Bhattacharya
Best Non- Banking Financial Institution	Ujjivan Financial Services
Best Mobile Banking Application	ICICI Bank
Best Savings Bank Product	Kotak Mahindra Bank

40. ▶ First ever Smita Patil memorial award given to Rekha for her contribution in film industry.
41. ▶ Former Indian Footballer Subrata Bhattacharya will be honored as *Mohun Bagan Ratna* for year 2017 by Kolkata Based FC Mohun Bagan.

42. ▶ Former PM Manmohan Singh will receive Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2017 for his services as PM between 2004 and 2014. It includes cash prize of INR 25 lakh and a citation.
43. ▶ Former Union Minister Ashwani Kumar has been conferred with Japan's imperial decoration 'Order of the Rising Sun' award for his contribution to fostering Japan-India ties.
44. ▶ Ghana-based Indian entrepreneur Birendra Sasmal won International Business Person of Year at Asian Achievers Awards in London, for turning his company *Subah Group* into a thriving success Through West Africa and employs around 350 people.
45. ▶ Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which manages brand AMUL, has been awarded as best FMCG in food sector at 5th International Advertising Associations (IAA) Leadership Awards in Mumbai.
46. ▶ Hugo Award for Best Novel 2017 was given to Nora K. Jemisin (USA) for her work *The Obelisk Gate*. It was presented at 75th World Science Fiction Convention in Helsinki (Finland).
47. ▶ ISKCON's Govardhan Eco village (Maharashtra) received *spirit of humanity* award by AmeriCares, a non-profit organisation working for disaster relief and global health, in *livelihood* category.
48. ▶ Indian - origin actor Dev Patel chosen for Asia Society 2017 Asia Game Changers Award, for making a "transformative and positive" difference for future of Asia and world. He will be honored at UN Headquarters in New York in November 2017.
49. ▶ Indian Actor Ishaan Khattar won Best Actor award for his debut film 'Beyond The Clouds' at the International Bosphorus Film Festival in Turkey. Film is directed by Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi, and Music composed by A. R. Rahman.
50. ▶ Indian Film Lipstick Under My Burkha (*directed by Alankrita Shrivastava*) won a top prize (*Founder's Award for Sustainability on the Big Screen*) at time Global Sustainability Film Awards 2017 in London.
51. ▶ Indian Origin Person Guruswamy Jayraman has been awarded Order of Australia for community work, highest civilian award in Australia.
52. ▶ Indian Origin UAE businessman Firoz Merchant has been honoured with UAE's prestigious Community Service Medal, after hespent over USD 4 million to help free prisoners languishing in jails due to non-payment of debts.
53. ▶ Indian Scientist Mahtab Bamji has been selected for Living Legend Award of International Union of Nutritional Sciences ((IUNS), to be presented at its General Assembly to be held in Buenos Aires (Argentina).
 IUNS Council presents Living Legend Awards to individuals of Adhering Bodies in good standing who are eighty (80) years or above.
54. ▶ Indian actor Priyanka Chopra has been honored with 2017 Mother Teresa Memorial Award for her support to social causes such as her recent visit to Syria where she met and interacted with refugee children. She is also UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador.
55. ▶ Indian short film *The School Bag* won Best Short Film Award at South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM). Directed by Dheeraj Jindal, it , tells a Peshawar (Pakistan) based story of relationship between a mother and her 7 year old son.
56. ▶ Indian-American Gitanjali Rao won 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for inventing a quick, low-cost test to detect lead-contaminated water.
57. ▶ India's first operational Smart City and IFSC, Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City) won Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Services Excellence Award.
58. ▶ Indonesia's Kevin Lilliana has been crowned Miss International 2017 at an event held in Tokyo (Japan). She also won award for as best dressed contestant.
59. ▶ Infosys Cofounder N R Narayana Murthy and Mumbai-born scientist veena Sahajwalla have been conferred PLuS Alliance Prize. Murthy was chosen for Global Leadership while professor Sahajwalla was awarded for Research Innovation for her project.
60. ▶ Israeli Actress Natalie Portman has been awarded Israel's 2018 Genesis Prize (Also called Jewish Nobel Prize), for her commitment to social causes and deep connection to her Jewish and Israeli roots.
61. ▶ Jaipur and Srinagar Airport won first and second rank in category of 2-5 million passengers in Airport Service Quality (ASQ)-Airport Council International (ACI) survey 2017. Jaipur Airport received award in same category in 2016 as well.
62. ▶ Jitesh Singh Deo from Lucknow (UP) is declared winner of 2017 Mr India pageant.
 Footballer Prathamesh Maulingkar won Mr India Supranational title and will compete at Mr Supranational 2018.
63. ▶ Journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead recently has been posthumously accorded with prestigious Anna Politkovskaya Award, instituted by Reach All Women (RAW) in War. Pakistani activist Gulalai Ismail is also honored for her fight against Islamic extremism.
64. ▶ Jurist Tahir Mahmood has been honored by N R Madhava Menon Best Law Teacher Award 2017 for his services to legal education.
65. ▶ Karnataka Bank won *Best Bank* award among small banks for use of technology for financial inclusion at 13th IDRBT Banking Technology Excellence Awards 2016-17.
66. ▶ M K Sanu has been chosen for Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2016 in recognition of his rich contribution to the Malayalam literature.

67. ▶ Madhu Chitkara has been honored by Himachal Pradesh Environment Leadership Award 2017 for promotion of environmental conservation and sustainable development measures.
68. ▶ Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat, IPS officer from Telangana has been conferred with 2017 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report Heroes Award by USA Government.
69. ▶ Maruti Suzuki Sportsperson of the Year Charity Gala Awards -
- ▶ Sportsperson of the Year' - P V Sindhu (Badminton) and her coach P Gopichand received Coach of the Year award.
 - ▶ Living Legend of the Year - Milkha Singh.
 - ▶ Lifetime Achievement Award - Abhinav Bindra (2008 Beijing Olympics gold medallist and India's sole gold medal winner in individual events at Olympics)
70. ▶ Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced 2nd Edition of National Entrepreneurship Awards 2017, beginning in 2016 with 15 Organizations / Individuals as winners. It includes cash prize of 5 lakh for enterprises and individuals and 10 lakhs for organizations and institutes. Winners are -
71. ▶ Miss South Korea Jenny Kim won title of Miss Supranational 2017 at an event in Poland.
72. ▶ Miss Universe Beauty Pageant 2017, held in Las Vegas (USA)-
- ▶ Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters of South Africa won the contest.
 - ▶ Shraddha Shashidhar represented India in this pageant.
73. ▶ Mohamad Al Jounde from Syria has been awarded International Children's Peace Prize for his efforts to ensure rights of Syrian refugee children.
- ▶ He has set up a school together with his family in a Lebanese refugee camp that currently provides 200 children with education.
74. ▶ NITI Aayog (in partnership with MyGov and United Nations) announced 12 winners of Women Transforming India Awards 2017. Winners are - Laxmi Agarwal (UP), Subasini Mistry (WB), Safeena Hussain (MH), Arunima Sinha (UP), Kamal Kumbhar (MH), Jamuna Tudu (JH), Rajlakshmi Borthakur (KN), Kiran Kanoji (HR), Harshini Kanhekar (MH), Shima Modak (Meghalaya), Sunita Kamble (MH), Kanika Tekriwal (MP).
75. ▶ NSE Entity India Index Services & Products (IISL) launched *Nifty SME Emerge Index* as a new Nifty Index to measure performance of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) listed on NSE's EMERGE platform (dedicated NSE platform for small companies).
- ▶ Nifty SME Emerge Index represents about 62 % of full market capitalisation of all SMEs listed on EMERGE.
76. ▶ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) conferred *best performance award* for 2015-16 and 2016-17 to Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) for its work in credit-linking joint liability groups (JLGs).
77. ▶ Nicaraguan author Sergio Ramirez Mercado won 2017 Cervantes Prize, Spanish-speaking world's highest literary honor.
78. ▶ Nobel Prize 2017 -
- ▶ Physics - Rainer Weiss (USA), Barry C. Barish (USA) and Kip Throne (USA) for decisive contributions to LIGO detector and observation of gravitational waves.
 - ▶ Chemistry - Jacques Dubochet (Switzerland), Joachim Frank (Germany) and Richard Henderson (Scotland) for developing a technique to produce detailed images of life's complex molecular machinery.
 - ▶ Physiology / Medicine - American trio of Jeffrey C. Hall (USA), Michael Rosbash (USA) and Michael W. Young (USA) for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm.
 - ▶ Literature - Kazuo Ishiguro (Japan).
 - ▶ Peace - International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) for its work to draw attention to catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons.
 - ▶ Economic Sciences - Richard H. Thaler (USA) for his contributions to behavioral economics. It is also called Sveriges Riksbank Prize (Sveriges Riksbank is Sweden's central bank).
 - ▶ About Nobel Prize -
 - ▶ Established in 1895, in memory of Swedish inventor Alfred Bernhard Nobel.
 - ▶ Prize ceremonies take place annually in Stockholm (Sweden), except peace prize which is held in Oslo (Norway)
 - ▶ Each recipient received US\$1.1 Million.
 - ▶ Among total 835 recipients so far, 12 are Indians (5 Indian citizens and 7 of Indian origin or residency). Rabindranath Tagore was first Indian citizen to be awarded (1913) and Mother Teresa is the only woman in list (1979).
79. ▶ Noted Actor Sharmila Tagore received Lifetime Achievement Award by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi for her contribution in field of cinema.

80. ▶ Noted Author Ruskin Bond presented with Lifetime Achievement Award by Chandigarh Literary Society during 5th Chandigarh Literature Festival.
81. ▶ Noted Bengali poet Joy Goswami will be honored with 31st Moortidevi Award for 2017, for his poetry collection *Du Dondo Phowara Matro*. He is first Bengali poet to get this title.
82. ▶ Noted British Indian Businessman Swraj Lord Paul (Chairman of Caparo Group) has been honoured with Life Time Achievement Award at the 2nd British Asian Achievers Awards organised by Jagatwani a Hindi weekly.
83. ▶ Noted Hindi Litterateur Krishna Sobti has been honored with 53rd Jnanpith Award for 2017. She is 8th women to win this prestigious award.
84. ▶ Noted Hindi writer Mamta Kalia is chosen for Vyas Samman 2017 for her novel "Dukkhham Sukkham". She was selected by selection committee headed by Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari.
85. ▶ Noted Indian Multilingual Actor Mohan Joshi honoured with vishnudas Bhawe award for his contribution to theatre. It is conferred with memory of Vishnudas Bhawe, founder of Marathi theatre. It comprises a trophy, a citation and a cash prize worth Rs 25,000.
86. ▶ Noted Indian-American Ajay Raju has been honoured with 3rd American Bazaar Philanthropy award for his philanthropic activities in USA.
87. ▶ Noted Konkani writer Mahabaleshwar Sail has been honored by Saraswati Samman 2016 for his novel *Hawthan*, that captures cultural lives of traditional potter community in Goa.
88. ▶ Noted Malayalam Poet K Satchidanandan selected for 2017 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram award, Kerala government's highest literary honor.  It award is instituted in name of Ezhuthachan, known as father of Malayalam language. It carries cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a citation.
89. ▶ Noted Marathi filmmaker Sumitra Bhawe will be honoured with Kalamaharshi Baburao Painter Sanman, instituted by Kolhapur International Film Festival.
90. ▶ Noted Novelist T D Radhakrishnan's is selected for 2017's Vayalar award.  Vayalar Award was instituted in 1977 by Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust in memory of Malayalam poet and lyricist Vayalar.
91. ▶ Noted Scientist G. Satheesh Reddy has been conferred with National Design Award, for his significant contribution towards indigenous design and development of diversified missile systems, guided weapons and avionics technologies.
92. ▶ Noted actor Sharada has been selected for 2017's Prem Nazir Award, was instituted by people of Chirayankeezhu (Nazir's hometown in Kerala).
93. ▶ Noted actor and playwright Girish Karnad will be honoured with Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award 2017. He will receive the award as a playwright.
94. ▶ Noted journalist Manik Banerjee honored by *Life Time Achievement Award* by Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).
95. ▶ Noted journalist Prabha Varma selected for Padma Prabha Puraskaram 2017, by Mathrubhumi daily.
96. ▶ Noted journalist T J S George chosen for first Kesari Media Award, instituted by Kesari Memorial Journalist Trust.
97. ▶ Noted lyricist Javed Akhtar will be honored with Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award 2017. He will receive INR 1 lakh and a memento.
98. ▶ Noted music composers Usha Khanna, Bappi Lahiri, Anu Malik and playback singers Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan have been selected for Madhya Pradesh government's prestigious National Lata Mangeshkar Award.
99. ▶ Noted writer Namita Gokhale received first Centenary National Award for Literature, conferred by Asam Sahitya Sabha.
100. ▶ Odia poet Rabi Singh is named as winner of Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman 2017 instituted by Odisha Sahitya Akademi.
101. ▶ Odisha Government granted Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence for the year 2016 to Digambar Behera of PGIMER (Chandigarh).
102. ▶ Outgoing President Pranab Mukherjee awarded IIM Bangalore (IIMB) for making management education accessible to all through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). IIMB is national coordinator for management education on government's Swayam platform and has completed five MOOCs on platform so far.
103. ▶ Portugese Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo won Ballon d'Or (title of best footballer of year) for a fifth time, to level Aregentina's Lionel Messi haul.
104. ▶ Preethi Srinivasan has been presented with *Kalpna Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise*, for she braved a debilitate accident to support those suffering from spinal cord injuries like her.
105. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind Presented Pt. Ramnarayan Sharma National Ayurved Award 2008-2014 to to Jodhpur University's former Vice Chancellor Prof. Banwari Lal Gaur.
106. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred 3rd ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award on Professor Hiroshi Marui of Japan.
107. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind gave National award for senior citizens to Indian boxing coach Gurbax Singh Sandhu and Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for 2017 to Bindeshwar Pathak.

108. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for 2017 to Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak.
109. ▶ Pune Based *Swayam Shikshan Prayog* has been awarded United Nations Development Programme's Equator Prize for devising an ecologically sustainable agriculture model to combat the adverse impacts of drought.
- ✍ It has helped empower over 20,000 marginal women farmers and their families in Marathwada by helping them make informed decisions about agriculture and environment.
110. ▶ Pune-based NGO Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) that works for women farmers, won 2017 UN Equator Prize.
111. ▶ Raghunandan Industries Private Limited has been awarded with Krishi Pragati Award 2017 by National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX).
112. ▶ Rajesh Nath (MD of VDMA India) has been conferred *Cross of the Order of Merit* (also known as Bundesverdienstkreuz or Federal Cross of Merit), highest civilian honour in Germany.
113. ▶ Reliance Foundation and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) received Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar. KVK was honored for its 'Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent' (IDCO) program.
114. ▶ Sahitya Akademi announced its annual awards 2017, recognising literary works of 24 writers in 24 different languages. Prize includes a cheque of Rs 1 lakh.
- ✍ Awards will be conferred during a ceremony on 12 February 2018.
 - ✍ Awardees -
 - ✍ English - Mamang Dai for *The Black Hill*.
 - ✍ Hindi - Ramesh Kuntal Megh won for *Vishw Mithak Sarit Sagar*
 - ✍ Sanskrit - Niranjan Mishra for *Gangaputravadanam*.
 - ✍ Malayalam - KP Ramanunni for *Daivathinte Pusthakam*.
 - ✍ Punjabi - Nachhattar for *Slow Down*.
 - ✍ Poets -
 - ✍ Udaya Narayana Singh (Maithili)
 - ✍ Shrikant Deshmukh (Marathi)
 - ✍ Bhujanga Tudu (Santali)
 - ✍ Inqulab (Tamil)
 - ✍ Devipriya (Telugu).
 - ✍ Inqulab (Tamil). Though His poet's family refused to accept the award he received for his collections of poems *Kaandhal Naatka*
 - ✍ Short Stories -
 - ✍ Shiv Mehta (Dogri)
 - ✍ Autar Krishen Rahbar (Kashmiri)
 - ✍ Gajanan Jog (Konkani)
 - ✍ Gayatri Saraf (Odia)
 - ✍ Baig Ehsas (Urdu).
 - ✍ Literary Criticism -
 - ✍ Ramesh Kuntal Megh (Hindi)
 - ✍ TP Ashoka (Kannada)
 - ✍ Urmi Ghanshyam Desai (Gujarati)
 - ✍ Bina Hangkhim (Nepali)
 - ✍ Neeraj Daiya (Rajasthani).
 - ✍ Essay - Jagdish Lachhani (Sindhi)
 - ✍ Play - Rajen Tojamba (Manipuri).
 - ✍ Academy also announced theme for Sahitya Akademi's next edition of 'Festival of Letters' – '70 years of Indian Independence'.
115. ▶ Sikkim CM Pawan Chamling has been honoured by Grand Prix Award for his work in field of organic farming, During a ceremony at Germany's Lagau on the occasion of the One World Festival.
116. ▶ Singer K S Chitra is selected for 2017 'Harivarasanam' award, awarded by Kerala government for spreading spirit of secularism, equanimity and universal brotherhood.
117. ▶ Six diplomats including an Indian were felicitated with inaugural Diwali 'Power of One' award by UN, on occasion of first anniversary of issuance of a 'forever Diwali stamp' by USA Postal Services.

📌 Awardees Include India's Lakshmi Puri (Indian head of the UN Women)

📌 Others- Matthew Rycroft, Nawaf Salam, Maged Abdelaziz, Ion Botnaru, Yuriy Sergeyev.

118. ▶ South African Indian-origin researcher couple Salim Abdool Karim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim honoured with prestigious US award for their contributions in field of HIV/AIDS Research.

119. ▶ Sports Ministry announced National Sports Awards 2017 have been announced. Selection Committee for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Awards was headed by Justice C. K. Thakkar. Selection Committee for Dronacharya Awards and Dhyan Chand Awards was headed by Pullela Gopichand. Winners -

📌 **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna** - Winners receive a statuettes, certificate and cash prize of Rs 7.5 lakh. 2017 winners are -

📌 Para Athlete Devendra Singh Jhajharia

📌 Hockey Player Sardar Singh

📌 **Dronacharya Awards** - winners receive a statuettes, certificate and cash prize of Rs 5 lakh. 2017 winners -

📌 Athlete Late Dr. R. Gandhi

📌 Kabaddi Player Heera Nand Kataria

📌 Badminton Player G.S.S.V. Prasad (Lifetime)

📌 Boxing Player Brij Bhushan Mohanty (Lifetime)

📌 Hockey Player P.A. Raphel (Lifetime)

📌 Shooter Sanjoy Chakraverthy (Lifetime)

📌 Wrestler Roshan Lal (Lifetime)

📌 **Arjuna Awards** - Winners receive a statuettes, certificate and cash prize of Rs. 5 Lakh. 2017 winners are -

📌 Archer V.J. Surekha

📌 Athlete Khushbir Kaur

📌 Basketball Player Prasanthi Singh

📌 Boxer Sub. Laishram Debendro Singh

📌 Cricketer Harmantpreet Kaur

📌 Footballer Oinam Bembem Devi

📌 Golfer S.S.P. Chawrasia

📌 Hockey Player S.V. Sunil

📌 Kabaddi Player Jasvir Singh

📌 Shooter P.N. Prakash

📌 Table Tennis Player Amalraj

📌 Tennis Player Saketh Myneni

📌 Wrestler Satyawart Kadian

📌 Para Athlete Mariyappan

📌 Para Athlete Varun Singh Bhati

📌 **Dhyanchand Award** - Winners receive a statuettes, certificate and cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh. 2017 winners are -

📌 Athlete Bhupendra Singh

📌 Football Player Syed Shahid Hakim

📌 Hockey Player Sumarai Tete

120. ▶ Sri Lankan author Anuk Arudpragasam bags Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2017 for his novel *The Story of a Brief Marriage*. Note that recently he also won \$25,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2017 for the same novel.

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122. ▶ Sri Ranganathaswamy temple at Srirangam in Tamil Nadu won UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for cultural heritage conservation programme in Awards of Merit category, for its efforts for protecting and conserving cultural heritage.

123. ▶ Star Screen Awards 2017 Winners -

📌 Best Director: Nitesh Tiwari (Dangal)

📌 Best Actress: Konkona Sen Sharma (Lipstick Under My Burkha)

📌 Best Actor: Irrfan Khan (Hindi Medium)

📌 Best Supporting Actor: Rajkumar Rao (Bareilly Ki Barfi)

📌 Best Supporting Actor (Female): Neha Dhupia (Tumhari Sulu)

📌 Best Music Director: Pritam (Dangal)

📌 Best Playback Singer: Arijit Singh (Raees - Zaalima and Jagga Jasoos)

📌 Best Playback Singer Female: Shashaa Tirupati (Kanha - Shubh Mangal Savdhaan)

124. ▶ Tata Literature Live Literary Awards (Mumbai) -

📌 Non-fiction - Pankaj Mishra's 'Age of Anger: A History of the Present'.

- ✎ First Book – Prayaag Akbar's 'Leila' & Pranay Lal's 'Indica: A Deep Natural History of the Indian Subcontinent'
 - ✎ Fiction – Easterine Kire's 'Son of the Thundercloud'
 - ✎ Business Book of Year – YV Reddy's 'Advice and Dissent: My Life in Public Service'
 - ✎ Publisher of the Year – Penguin Random House India
 - ✎ Big Little Book Award – Nabaneeta Dev Sen
125. ▶ Tata Steel won Prime Minister's trophy for 'Best Performing Integrated Steel Plant' in country for years 2014-2015 and 2015- 16.
- ✎ It is 3rd consecutive time that Tata Steel has won this award. Overall, company has been recognised as best integrated steel plant for 12 times and has won the PM's Trophy 10 times.
126. ▶ Telangana CM K Chandrashekhar Rao has been selected for coveted Agriculture Leadership Award 2017, by a Committee headed by agriculture scientist MS Swaminathan.
127. ▶ UK Govt. presented J.K. Rowling with a Companion of Honor award, as recognition of her services to literature and philanthropy. Rowling is creator of Fictional character *Harry Potter*.
128. ▶ US-based Marconi Society to honor 3 Indian Origin Person -
- ✎ Google research scientist Ananda Theertha Suresh, by Paul Baran Young Scholar award for 2017. He has been honored for creating technology that makes search faster and easier even on low-end mobile devices with basic Internet.
 - ✎ Thomas Kailath - Lifetime Achievement Award for his stellar contribution to modern communications.
 - ✎ Arun Netravalli - Marconi Prize for his pioneering work in digital video technology used in mobile phones and television sets.
129. ▶ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced winners of 2017 International Literacy Prizes. These Prizes are divided into 2 categories - Confucius Prize (sponsored by China) and King Sejong Literacy Prize (sponsored by South Korea). All winners will each receive a medal, a certificate and USD 20000, on International Literacy Day on 8 September 2017.
- ✎ Confucius Prize 2017 (recognises projects that benefit rural populations and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women).
Winners are -
 - ✎ AdulTICoProgram - Initiative of Secretariat of Information and Communications Technologies of Armenia (Colombia) for teaching digital competencies to seniors.
 - ✎ Citizens Foundation (Pakistan) - For its Aagahi Literacy Programme for Women and Out-of-School Girls.
 - ✎ FunDza (South Africa) - It launched a project to develop a culture of reading and writing for pleasure through an online platform.
 - ✎ King Sejong Literacy Prize 2017 - Dedicated to mother-tongue literacy education. Winners -
 - ✎ Centre for the Study of Learning & Performance (Concordia University (Canada)) - For its 'Using Educational Technology to Develop Essential Educational Competencies in Sub-Saharan Africa's project'.
 - ✎ We Love Reading (Jordan) - It offers online read-aloud trainings for parents, mobilizes volunteers to read aloud in community spaces to children.
130. ▶ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO) announced winners of 2017 UNESCO Prize for Girl's and Women's Education. Each of 2 winner organisations received prize money of USD 50000. Winners are -
- ✎ Development and Education Programme for Daughters and Communities Centre in Greater Mekong Sub-Region (DEPDC/GMS) in Thailand - For its project *Education and Life Skills Training Programme to Help Stateless Children and Women Migrating from Shan State to Thailand*.
 - ✎ Mini Academy of Science and Technology (MaCTec Peru) - For its project Mobile MaCTec Bus Labs/Mini Academy of Science and Technology.
131. ▶ United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is named as recipient of Harmony Foundation's Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2017 with 2017 theme *Compassion Beyond Borders*.
132. ▶ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu honored film-maker S S Rajamouli (*Director of Famed Baahubali Series*) with prestigious ANR National Award for his contribution to Telugu film industry.
133. ▶ West Bengal Government conferred 2017's Mahanayak Samman 2017 to noted actress Shakuntala Barua. While, Prosenjit Chatterjee and Nusrat Jahan received Best Actor and Best Actress awards respectively.
134. ▶ Zannah Mustapha won annual Nansen Refugee Award for his *crucial mediating* role and efforts to help children affected by insurgency in Nigeria. His *Future Prowess Islamic Foundation School* provides free Islamic education to orphaned children.

