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Awards

- ▶ 12-year old Indian girl Poorvi G B has been awarded *best performer* subtitle at *Little Miss World 2017* pageant held in Greece.
- ▶ 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'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.
- ▶ 27 journalists honored in 12th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards. Award includes a trophy and a reward of Rs 1 lakh.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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 chairman 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.
- ▶ 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).

8. ▶ *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).
9. ▶ *Yeraringan* Award has been conferred upon Noted Agricultural Scientist M.S. Swaminathan.
10. ▶ 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)
11. ▶ Aamir Khan Film *Dangal* chosen as Best Asian Film at 7th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards, in Sydney.
12. ▶ 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.
13. ▶ Actor Prakash Raj received Kota Shivaram Karanth Huttura Prashasti award in Kota (Udupi district), Karnataka.
14. ▶ Actor Sonu Sood received Punjab Ratan award from State Govt. for his contribution to welfare of people of Punjab.
15. ▶ Actor Trisha Krishnan has been conferred UNICEF celebrity advocate status for child rights, becoming first South Indian actor industry to receive this honour.
16. ▶ Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) selected Gopinath R. for Prof. Yashwantrao Kelkar Yuva Puraskar 2017.
17. ▶ 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.
18. ▶ 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.
19. ▶ 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*.
20. ▶ 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

21. ▶ 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).
22. ▶ 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.
23. ▶ 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
24. ▶ 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.
25. ▶ Blue Planet Prize (*Noted as Most prestigious award in environmental science*), has been given to German theoretical physicist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ 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.
28. ▶ 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.
29. ▶ Engineering Services Company L&T Technology Services Ltd (LTTS) conferred with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Industrial Innovation Award 2017.
30. ▶ Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) received an award from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for supporting start-ups.
31. ▶ 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).
32. ▶ 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

33. ▶ First ever Smita Patil memorial award given to Rekha for her contribution in film industry.
34. ▶ Former Director-General of Police of Punjab and Mumbai Police Commissioner Julio Ribeiro will be honoured with 'Police Jeevan Gaurav Award' by the Arvind Inamdar Foundation.
35. ▶ 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.

36. ▶ 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.
37. ▶ 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.
38. ▶ 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.
39. ▶ Indian IT Firm TAKE Solutions will receive Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance from Institute of Directors in London (UK).
40. ▶ 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.
41. ▶ 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.
42. ▶ Indian-American Gitanjali Rao won 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for inventing a quick, low-cost test to detect lead-contaminated water.
43. ▶ 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.
44. ▶ Industrial Awards -
 - ▶ Tata Power Solar won 'Dun & Bradstreet – Everest Infra Awards 2017' under Infrastructure Project category for commissioning India's largest solar project under Domestic Content Requirement for NTPC at Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.
 - ▶ ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) honoured CMC Skills' Founder Ms. Maya Swaminathan Sinha with the 'Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2017' award.
 - ▶ Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company has been awarded at *21st Asia Insurance Industry Awards* in Singapore in *General Insurance Company of the Year*.
 - ▶ ADI PEC (Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference) Excellence in Energy Awards 2017 adjudged Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) as winner for 2nd position in category *social contribution in country value*.
 - ▶ Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) received *Kalinga Safety Award* in 8th Odisha State Safety Conclave.
 - ▶ Pondicherry University library has bagged the Highest Profile Registration category award for effective utilisation of the J-Gate@eShodhSindhu platform.
45. ▶ Industrial Awards -
 - ▶ Tata Steel's Joda East Iron Mine (JEIM) honoured with Golden Peacock Innovation Management Award 2017 for innovation in mines, during Institute of Directors (IOD) India's 2nd Global Convention held at Singapore.
 - ▶ 2017 NASSCOM-DSCI excellence award has been awarded to the cyber section of Kolkata Police.
 - ▶ Two initiatives of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) have been awarded SKOCH Awards for 2017. Initiatives are - Vajra Services (intercity travel facility between Hyderabad and four other cities) and TSRTC's initiative for providing employment to children of medically unfit employees.
 - ▶ Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company received *Golden Peacock Award for Risk Management* for 2017, given by Institute of Directors (IOD).
46. ▶ 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.
47. ▶ 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.
48. ▶ 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.
49. ▶ 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.
50. ▶ M K Sanu has been chosen for Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2016 in recognition of his rich contribution to the Malayalam literature.
51. ▶ Mayanka Patel from Mumbai and Poonam Gaur from Gurugram were crowned Mrs India-Pride of Nation in two different categories.
 - ▶ Mayanka won in Group A category (21 - 34) years while Poonam won in Group B (34-45 years).
52. ▶ 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 -

S.No	Award (Sub-Category)	Winner
1	Agri, food and forestry products	Rays Culinary Delights
2	Engineering systems	SenseGiz Technologies
3	Renewable energy and waste management	Atomberg Technologies
4	IT & ITES, Financial	Naffa Innovations
5	Education	Simulanis Solutions
6	Hospitality	Oravel Stays
7	E-Commerce, logistics, transport & other services	LogiNext Solutions Pvt Ltd.
8	Social Enterprises	Sampurn(e)arth Environment Solutions
9	Barefoot Enterprises	Thejaswini Coconut Farmers Producer Company
10	Woman Enterprise	SP Robotic Works

(b) Recognition Track

S.No	Award Category	Winner
11	Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Government)	C-Camp
12	Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Private)	IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad
13	Mentor (Government)	G. Subba Ramaiah
14	Mentor (Government) Jury Special Award	Renu Swaroop
15	Mentor (Private)	Vishwanathan

53. ▶ Miss South Korea Jenny Kim won title of Miss Supranational 2017 at an event in Poland.

54. ▶ 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.

55. ▶ 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.

56. ▶ 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.

57. ▶ Nicaraguan author Sergio Ramirez Mercado won 2017 Cervantes Prize, Spanish-speaking world's highest literary honor.

58. ▶ Nobel Prize 2017 -

✎ Physics - Rainer Weiss (USA), Barry C. Barish (USA) and Kip Thorne (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).
59. ▶ 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.
 60. ▶ Noted Author Ruskin Bond presented with Lifetime Achievement Award by Chandigarh Literary Society during 5th Chandigarh Literature Festival.
 61. ▶ 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.
 62. ▶ 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.
 63. ▶ Noted Hindi Litterateur Krishna Sobti has been honored with 53rd Jnanpith Award for 2017. She is 8th women to win this prestigious award.
 64. ▶ Noted Hindi writer Mamta Kalia is chosen for Vyas Samman 2017 for her novel “Dukkham Sukkham”. She was selected by selection committee headed by Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari.
 65. ▶ Noted Indian Multilingual Actor Mohan Joshi honoured with vishnudas Bhave award for his contribution to theatre. It is conferred with memory of Vishnudas Bhave, founder of Marathi theatre. It comprises a trophy, a citation and a cash prize worth Rs 25,000.
 66. ▶ Noted Indian-American Ajay Raju has been honoured with 3rd American Bazaar Philanthropy award for his philanthropic activities in USA.
 67. ▶ 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.
 68. ▶ Noted Marathi filmmaker Sumitra Bhavé will be honoured with Kalamaharshi Baburao Painter Sanman, instituted by Kolhapur International Film Festival.
 69. ▶ 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.
 70. ▶ 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.
 71. ▶ 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.
 72. ▶ Noted journalist Manik Banerjee honored by *Life Time Achievement Award* by Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).
 73. ▶ Noted journalist Prabha Varma selected for Padma Prabha Puraskaram 2017, by Mathrubhumi daily.
 74. ▶ Noted lyricist Javed Akhtar will be honored with Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award 2017. He will receive INR 1 lakh and a memento.
 75. ▶ 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.
 76. ▶ Noted writer Namita Gokhale received first Centenary National Award for Literature, conferred by Asam Sahitya Sabha.
 77. ▶ Odia poet Rabi Singh is named as winner of Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman 2017 instituted by Odisha Sahitya Akademi.
 78. ▶ Online travel solutions provider Cleartrip named *Best Mobile App for Travel and Leisure* at Mobexx Awards 2017. IIT-Roorkee won Schneider’s ‘Go Green in the City’ contest held in Paris.
 79. ▶ Portugese Footballer Cristiano Ronaldo won Ballon d’Or (title of best footballer of year) for a fifth time, to level Argentina's Lionel Messi haul.
 80. ▶ 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.
 81. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred 3rd ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award on Professor Hiroshi Marui of Japan.
 82. ▶ 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.
 83. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for 2017 to Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak.
 84. ▶ 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.

85. ▶ 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 - Niranjana 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 Toijamba (Manipuri).

✍ Academy also announced theme for Sahitya Akademi's next edition of 'Festival of Letters' – '70 years of Indian Independence'.

86. ▶ Shree Saini has been crowned 'Miss India USA 2017' at pageant held in New Jersey (USA).

87. ▶ Singer K S Chitra is selected for 2017 'Harivarasanam' award, awarded by Kerala government for spreading spirit of secularism, equanimity and universal brotherhood.

88. ▶ 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.

89. ▶ 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.

90. ▶ 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.

91. ▶ Sri Lankan author Anuk Arudpragasam's *The Story of a Brief Marriage* won \$25,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2017, during Dhaka Literature Fest 2017 (Bangladesh).

92. ▶ 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.

93. ▶ 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: Rajkummar 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)
94. ▶ 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
95. ▶ 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*.
96. ▶ US-headquartered IT services Firm CSS Corp won Customer Service Excellence Award 2017 by National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM).
97. ▶ 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*.
98. ▶ Zee Cine Awards 2018 -
- 📖 Actor : Male - Varun Dhawan (Badrinath Ki Dulhania), Female - Sridevi (Mom).
 - 📖 Director- Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari (Bareilly Ki Barfi).
 - 📖 Film - Golmaal Again.
 - 📖 Extraordinary franchisee - Baahubali.
 - 📖 Global icon - Priyanka Chopra.
 - 📖 Music director- Amit Trivedi for Secret Superstar.
 - 📖 Playback Singer- Akhil Sachdeva for Humsafar.
99. ▶ 'Best Urban Transport Practices' Awards by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs -
- 📖 Best City Bus Services Award - Surat Municipal Corporation
 - 📖 Best Non-Motorised Transport - Mysuru's Public Bicycle Sharing
 - 📖 Best Urban Transport Initiative - Kochi (Kerala)

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