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Awards

- ▶ *Invest India* initiative of Government won top United Nations Investment Promotion Award in recognition of its efforts to boost investments in renewable energy sector in India. It was announced in Geneva (Switzerland) at inauguration of World Investment Forum organised by UN Convention on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ▶ 11 National Geoscience Awards for 2017 were conferred by President Ram Nath Kovind on 22 geoscientists for their outstanding contributions in 9 fields of geosciences. Noted Winners are -
 - ▶ Shib Sankar Ganguli (IIT Kanpur) - Young Scientist Award 2017. Other Categories and Awards -
 - ▶ Mining Technology - Samir Kumar Pal
 - ▶ Basic Geosciences - Suryendu Dutta, Md Erfan Ali Monda
 - ▶ Applied Geology - Girish Chandra Kothiyari
 - ▶ Geophysics / Applied Geophysics - Ambrish Kumar Mahajan
 - ▶ Natural Hazard Investigations - Davuluri Srinagesh
- ▶ 2017 Sports Illustrated India magazine Awards -
 - ▶ Sportsperson of the Year - Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton)
 - ▶ Team of the Year - Women's cricket team
 - ▶ Coach of the year - Stephen Constantine (football team coach)
 - ▶ Outstanding contribution to Sport - Leander Paes (Tennis)
 - ▶ Young Sportsperson of the Year - Paddler Manav Thakkar
 - ▶ Lifetime Achievement Award - Dhanraj Pillay (Hockey)
- ▶ 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Awards -
 - ▶ Winners -
 - ▶ **Bharat Vatwani (India)** - For *Tremendous courage and healing compassion in embracing India's mentally-afflicted destitute*. Based in Mumbai he started an informal operation of bringing mentally-ill street persons to their private clinic for treatment and established Shraddha Rehabilitation Foundation in 1988.
 - ▶ **Sonam Wangchuk (India)** - For *uniquely systematic, collaborative and community-driven reform of learning systems in remote northern India*.
 - ▶ Youk Chhang (Cambodia)
 - ▶ Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz (East Timor)
 - ▶ Howard Dee (Philippines)
 - ▶ Vo Thi Hoang Yen (Vietnam)
 - ▶ 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.
- ▶ 2018 Seoul Peace Prize has been conferred on Indian PM Narendra Modi, for his dedication to improving international cooperation, raising global economic growth, accelerating the Human Development of people of India.

Other winners of Tenzing Norgay National Adventure awards are -

- Udit Thapar - Skydiver
- SonamWangyal - Mountaineer (Life time)
- Anshu Jamsenpa - Mountaineer
- Ravi Kumar - Mountaineer

16. ▶ American activist Jane Fonda will be awarded Lumiere Award 2018 in Lyon (France). Lumiere Festival is largest international festival of classic cinema.
17. ▶ American actress Anne Hathaway will be honoured with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) National Equality Award.
18. ▶ Anna Burns became First Northern Irish author to win 2018 Man Booker Prize (Fiction), after she won it for her novel *Milkman*. 'Milkman' tells story of a young girl's affair with an older man. Award consists cash prize of £50,000 (~\$65,000).
 - ▶ Man Booker Prize for Fiction (formerly known as the Booker–McConnell Prize and commonly known simply as Booker Prize) is a literary prize awarded each year for best original novel written in the English language and published in the UK.
19. ▶ Arshdeep Singh (Punjab) won Wildlife Photographer of Year award in 10 Years and Under category given by UK's Natural History Museum. He won the award for the picture titled 'Pipe Owls', which showed two spotted owlets sitting inside an old waste-pipe in Punjab Kapurthala.
 - ▶ At the same occasion, Dutch photographer Marsel van Oosten won Wildlife Photographer of Year award, for his photo of critically endangered golden snub-nosed monkeys in China, titled 'The Golden Couple'.
20. ▶ Arul Chinnaiyan (Indian-American scientist at University of Michigan) researcher has been awarded an "Outstanding Investigator Award" along with a grant of \$6.5 million by the U.S. National Cancer Institute.
21. ▶ Ashis Mukherjee, faculty member in Tezpur University won Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Teachers Award (2018), for his consistent high level of inspiring students to take up careers in Science and Technology.
22. ▶ Assamese film *Xhoihobote Dhemalite* (Rainbow Fields) won 3 top awards at 3rd Love International Film Festival in USA. It won awards for - *best film, best actress (Dipannita Sharma) and best music (Anurag Saikia)*. It was directed by Bidyut Kotoky.
23. ▶ Athletics Federation of India will be awarded FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards 2018, in category of Best National Sports Federation (NSF).
24. ▶ BCCI Awards 2018 -
 - ▶ Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award – Pankaj Roy
 - ▶ BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award For Women – Diana Edulji (she declined the award as she is part of the Committee of Administrators which is currently overseeing the work of the board)
 - ▶ BCCI Special Award – Abbas Ali Baig and Naren Tamhane
 - ▶ Polly Umrigar Award – Virat Kohli (4th Polly Umrigar Title for Kohli, stands for International cricketer of the year)
 - ▶ Best International Cricketer - Women – Harmanpreet Kaur
 - ▶ Best Performance In BCCI Domestic Tournaments – Cricket Association of Bengal
 - ▶ Other Awards
 - ▶ Lala Amarnath Award For The Best All-rounder In Ranji Trophy – Parvez Rasool
 - ▶ Lala Amarnath Award For The Best All-rounder In Domestic Limited-overs Competitions – Krunal Pandya
 - ▶ Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest Scorer In The Ranji Trophy – Priyank K Panchal
 - ▶ Madhavrao Scindia Award – Highest Wicket-taker In The Ranji Trophy – Shahbaz Nadeem
 - ▶ Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Best Woman Cricketer (Sr Domestic) – Punam Raut
 - ▶ Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy – Best Woman Cricketer (Jr Domestic) – Jemimah Rodrigues
 - ▶ Best Umpire In Domestic Cricket – Anil Dandekar
25. ▶ Balzan Foundation announced winners for 2018 Balzan Prizes -
 - ▶ Peace and Fraternity among Peoples - Terre des Hommes, an international children rights charity based in Switzerland.
 - ▶ Chemical Ecology - Eva Kondorosi (Hungary/France)
 - ▶ Fluid Dynamics - Detlef Lohse (Deutschland)
 - ▶ Global History - Jürgen Osterhammel (Germany)
 - ▶ Social Anthropology - Marilyn Strathern (UK)
26. ▶ Bindeshwar Pathak (Founder of Sulabh International), has been honoured with Nikkei Asia Prize in Japan for his contribution to Asia's development. He was among three who were conferred with this award. Nikkei Asia Prize is conferred by Nikkei Inc, a media corporation in Japan.
27. ▶ Breakthrough Prize Foundation announced recipients of 2019 Breakthrough Prize, known as the "Oscars of Science,".

- Each prize is \$3 million and presented in the fields of Life Sciences (up to four per year), Fundamental Physics (one per year) and Mathematics(one per year). Awardees are -

Award	Awardee
2019 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences	C. Frank Bennett and Adrian R. Krainer
	Angelika Amon
	Xiaowei Zhuang
	Zhijian "James" Chen
2019 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics	Charles Kane and Eugene Mele
2019 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics	Vincent Lafforgue
2019 Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics	Jocelyn Bell Burnell

28. ▶ CSIR announced Winners of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology 2018 -

- Every year, scientists below 45 years age are awarded for their outstanding scientific work in last 5 years. 2018 Winners -

Category	Winner	Affiliation
Biological Sciences	Ganesh Nagaraju	IISc Bengaluru
	Thomas Pucadyil	IISER Pune
Chemical Sciences	Rahul Banerjee	IISER Kolkata
	Swadhin Kumar Mandal	IISER Kolkata
Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences	Madineni Venkat Ratnam	National Atmospheric Research Laboratory, Tirupati
	Parthasarathi Chakraborty	CSIR-NIO, Goa
Engineering Sciences	Amit Agrawal	IIT Bombay
	Ashwin Anil Gumaste	IIT Bombay
Mathematical Sciences	Amit Kumar	IIT Delhi
	Nitin Saxena	IIT Kanpur
Medical Sciences	Ganesan Venkatasubramanian	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
Physical Sciences	Aditi Sen De	Harish-Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad
	Ambarish Ghosh	IISc Bengaluru

29. ▶ Chennaiyin FC's head coach John Gregory has been presented a Special Achievement Award by England's League Managers Association (LMA) London. He became first Englishman to win Indian Super League (ISL).
30. ▶ China awarded its first highest state honour Friendship Medal to Russian President Vladimir Putin, since the medal was established in 2015. Friendship Medal is conferred by China on foreigner who made outstanding contributions in promoting cooperation between China and world, and in maintaining world peace.
31. ▶ Director Vasana Bala action thriller 'Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota' won top award (Grolsch People's Choice Midnight Madness Award) at 43rd Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in Canada. Its first Indian film to be screened in Toronto festivals Midnight Madness programme.
32. ▶ European Parliament awarded Sakharov human rights prize to jailed Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov (with 50,000 euro cash), for an "exceptional contribution" to human rights around world.
33. ▶ European Union selected Department of European Studies (DES) of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) for prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (CoE) Award.
- It became only Centre of Excellence in European Studies in India.
 - It grants close to one lakh euros for various activities planned for 3 years.
 - Earlier, MAHE had been titled as an Institute of Eminence by Government of India.
34. ▶ Femina Miss India Beauty Pageant 2018 -
- Anukreethy Vas from Tamil Nadu has been crowned Miss India World 2018 (1st Place).
 - Meenakshi Chaudhary (Haryana) has been crowned Miss India Grand International 2018 (1st runner-up).
 - Shreya Rao Kamavarapu (Andhra Pradesh) has been crowned Miss India United Continents 2018 (2nd runner-up).
35. ▶ Fiji's Indian-origin former Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry has been selected for V K Krishna Menon Award for his contribution to Indian diaspora.
36. ▶ Former Indian Cricketer Bishan Singh Bedi honoured with Dr.M.A.Chidambaram Birth Centenary Award in Chennai, instituted by MAC Charities in memory of the former BCCI president M.A.Chidambaram.
37. ▶ Global cultural organization Asia Society announced that PepsiCo's CEO Indra Nooyi will be honoured with Game Changer of the Year title of the 2018.

38. ▶ Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2018

✍ About Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards -

✍ Started by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2017 to propel global action and track progress on the United Nation's Sustainable Developmental Goals, Also known as Oscar for Social Progress

✍ 2018 Awardees -

✍ Amika George (Campaign Award). Indian Origin Girl. Her #FreePeriods campaign that brought her granddad and 2,000 other protestors on Downing Street in UK in December 2017 to demand free sanitary products for poor.

✍ Nadia Murad (Pagemaker Award). She is a Yazidi survivor of Islamic State (IS) genocide in Iraq.

✍ Dysmus Kisilu (Progress Award). His renewable energy solutions increased yields of small farmers in Kenya by 150%.

39. ▶ Gopalkrishna Gandhi has been chosen for 24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award for his contribution in promoting communal harmony, peace and goodwill. He is a former governor of West Bengal. Award contains a citation and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, presented on birth anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi (Aug 20, observed as Sadbhavna Diwas).

40. ▶ Guadeloupean author Maryse Conde has been honored with New Academy Prize in Literature, an alternative award formed in protest to Nobel Literature Prize.

✍ Note That Right Livelihood Awards are also promoted as Alternative Nobel Awards, Presented annually in Stockholm (Sweden).

2018 Winners are -

✍ Thelma Aldana, Iván Velásquez (Guatemala)

✍ Yacouba Sawadogo (Burkina Faso)

✍ Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani, Walid Abu al-Chair (Saudi Arabia)

✍ Tony Rinaudo (Australia)

41. ▶ Haryana girl Nishtha Dudeja won 18th Miss Deaf Asia 2018 title, in Prague (Czech Republic). She is first Indian to have won any title at Miss Deaf World Pageant.

42. ▶ Hindi Academy Delhi gave its highest Shalaka Samman for 2017-18 to bollywood lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar.

43. ▶ Hyderabad International Airport (Rajiv Gandhi International Airport) has been awarded Airports Council International Airport Service Quality World no.1 airport award in 5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category, for 2nd consecutive year.

✍ Also, 6 Indian Airports winning airports are (Lucknow, Indore, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata and Pune) were awarded at Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2017 presented by Airports Council International (ACI). Delhi and Mumbai aerodromes shared top slot in the best airport category in Asia-Pacific region with regard to handling of over two million passengers per year.

44. ▶ India won Awards in 2 Categories at Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) International Innovations Awards (IIA) - (announced annually since 1998).

✍ India's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions) is a member of CAPAM.

✍ Initiative named *Unnayan Banka* - Reinventing Education Using Technology of Banka District (Bihar) has been awarded under Category "Innovation Incubation". Its an initiative which envisages "Quality education for all" using latest technologies.

✍ Another initiative entitled "Unified Agriculture Markets" of Co-operation Department of Government of Karnataka has also been selected under the Category 'Innovation in Public Service Management'. It has also been awarded overall Gold Award for CAPAM Awards 2018.

45. ▶ India's Raghupati Singhania (JK Tyres CMD) has been awarded *Mexican order of the Aztec Eagle*, highest honour given to non-nationals by Government of Mexico.

46. ▶ Indian Army contingent comprising of 7 Garhwal Rifles Infantry Battalion Group was awarded United Nations Medal for "selfless service", as part of United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

47. ▶ Indian International Film Awards (IIFA) 2018 -

✍ Best Film - Tumhari Sulu

✍ Best Actor in a leading role (Female) - Sridevi (MOM)

✍ Best Actor in a leading role (Male) - Irrfan Khan (Hindi Medium)

✍ Best Actor In Supporting Role (Female) - Meher Vij (Secret Superstar)

✍ Best Actor In Supporting Role (Male) - Nawazuddin Siddiqui (MOM)

✍ Best Director - Saket Chaudhary (Hindi Medium)

✍ Best Debut Director - Konkona Sensharma (A Death in the Gunj)

✍ Outstanding Achievement by an Actor in Indian Cinema - Anupam Kher

✍ Best Story - Amit V Masurkar (Newton)

- ✎ Best Music Direction - Amaal Mallik, Tanishk Bagchi, Akhil Sachdeva (Badrinath Ki Dulhania)
 - ✎ Best Playback Singer Female - Meghna Mishra (Main Kaun Hoon - Secret Superstar)
 - ✎ Best Playback Singer Male - Arijit Singh (Hawayein - Jab Harry Met Sejal)
48. ▶ Indian botanist Kamaljit Bawa received Linnean Medal in Botany from Linnean Society of London, becoming 1st Indian to receive this Honour. He was recognised for his pioneering research on evolution of tropical plants, tropical deforestation & non-timber forest products.
49. ▶ Indian-American Minal Patel Davis honoured with USA Presidential Medal for Combating Human Trafficking', for her extraordinary contribution towards combating human trafficking. She is special advisor on Human Trafficking to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.
50. ▶ Indus Towers, world's largest telecom tower company (outside China), won Deming Prize for 2018, being the first Indian company in the service sector and the fifth in world to achieve this.
- ✎ Deming Prize bestowed on Indus Towers for distinctive performance improvements through application of Total Quality Management (TQM) practices. Indus Towers is 29th Indian company to win this award.
51. ▶ Industrial Awards (August 2018)-
- ✎ Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) received top honours at Swachhta Pakhwada Awards by oil ministry, with Indian Oil Corp (IOC) as runner-up.
 - ✎ Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (marketers of popular milk brand Amul) has been awarded *Marketer of the Year* award by the International Advertising Association of India (IAAI).
 - ✎ Indian-American Aruna Vishwanathan was one of 3 women honoured with 'Women in Business: Making a Difference Award' at 19th annual Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) gala in Houston (USA).
 - ✎ Reliance Power subsidiary Reliance Power Netherlands BV has won an international arbitration award of USD 56 million (Rs 390 crore) against Prestige Capital Holdings (a Seychelles-based company) and Kokos Jiang.
52. ▶ Industrial Awards (July 2018) -
- ✎ Ravi Mehrotra (Chairman of Foresight Group International) received lifetime achievement award at Seatrade 30th Anniversary Award Ceremony in Landmark (London).
 - ✎ India's Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) project was among 8 projects that won World Bank's internal award for exceptional performance.
 - ✎ India Heritage Walk Festival, a collaboration of Sahapedia and YES Arts & Culture, has been awarded PATA Gold Award 2018.
 - ✎ A team comprising experts from Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur and University of Oxford based linguist Aditi Lahiri, has been selected for an award for exceptional research-led innovation to mitigate arsenic poisoning in Ganga-Brahmaputra delta in north and northeast India.
 - ✎ Ajay Singh (SpiceJet CMD) received USISPF Leadership Award at the first Annual Leadership Summit of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in Washington DC (USA).
 - ✎ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been awarded INFRA Icon Award in 'Global Energy' category at mid-day INFRA Icons Awards 2018 in Mumbai.
 - ✎ HDFC named as best performing primary lending institution in Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and LIG (Low Income Group) category.
 - ✎ NBFC Repco Micro Finance received Nabard 2018 award for its service to self-help group (SHG) linkage in Tamil Nadu for 2017-18.
53. ▶ Industrial Awards (June 2018) -
- ✎ HDFC Bank recognized with Champion Security Award at 14th Visa Asia Pacific Security Summit in Singapore, in South Asia category.
 - ✎ Corporation Bank won under category *Best Expectation Management (Mid Cap)* for 2017-18, in awards instituted by Investor Relations Society India.
 - ✎ Chennai-based startup Calzy 3 won Apple Design award 2018, along with 9 other startups from different countries. Calzy 3 is a customisable calculator that uses iOS technologies such as Drag & Drop to share results in other apps to help users perform day to day mathematical calculations.
 - ✎ SVC Co-operative Bank received National Payments Excellence Award 2017 by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), as highest recognition in banking industry for exceptional performance in payments system.
 - ✎ Oriental Bank of Commerce has been awarded as best public sector bank for Atal Pension Yojana for year 2017-18.
 - ✎ SKOCH conferred *Best performing Social Sector Ministry* award on Ministry of Women and Child Development. Also, Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje was conferred the 'Chief Minister of the Year' award for her remarkable work in e-governance. Awards were conferred during 52nd SKOCH summit in New Delhi. Ministry of Shipping's flagship programme for port-led-

prosperity 'Sagarmala' received the 'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector. Sagarmala Programme also received 'Order of Merit' at the Summit.

- ✍ Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) received an award during X International IT Forum event in Russia, for its support and active participation at the forum, consecutively for 2 years.
- ✍ TechnipFMC has been honored with special recognition award for their community development initiative in India called 'Seed of Hope', at 13th National Convention 2018 at Shangri-La (Bengaluru).
- ✍ India won prestigious GRR Award for Most Improved Jurisdiction, in London (UK). It recognises jurisdiction that improved its restructuring and insolvency regime the most over last year.

54. ▶ Industrial Awards (May 2018) -

- ✍ Adarsh Credit won *Best Co-operative Society on digital platform* award in BFSI leadership Awards 2018. Adarsh Credit is first credit co-operative society in India to perform financial services digitally.
- ✍ Vaccine maker Bharat Biotech received National Technology Award for 2018 from government's Technology Development Board for its Rotavac vaccine.
- ✍ India's NMDC Limited won S&P Global PLATTS Global Metals Award 2018 in corporate social responsibility (CSR) category, in London (UK). This is first time this award has been won by an Indian Company.
- ✍ Jagriti Yatra, An Indian charity that organises 15-day train journeys around India to understand and build India of smaller towns and villages through enterprise has won an award in London, at Asian Voice Charity Awards by due diligence platform Charity Clarity.
- ✍ 2 case studies of IIM Calcutta received awards in 2017 European Foundation of Management Development case competition. It includes awards for *SIMsePAY at YES BANK: Creating Value Through an UnSmart Innovation* and *Switch On Energy: Social innovation challenges at the bottom of the pyramid*.
- ✍ NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul (founder of Caparo Group of industries) has been presented a lifetime achievement award for his contributions in promoting brand India in UK. Business Leader of Decade honour was presented to Lord Karan Bilimoria (founder of Cobra Beer).
- ✍ Guru N Reddy has been given UK & Asia Inspirational Business Leaders Award in London (UK). He will be featured in WCRC Leaders Magazine in June 2018 issue.
- ✍ Council of Scientific & Industrial Research has been awarded Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018 in the Government Research Organizations Category, recognizing CSIR as top innovator. Clarivate Analytics – formerly IP & Science division of Thomson Reuters - recognizes most innovative companies in India according to patent-related metrics.
- ✍ HDFC bank recognized with Champion Security Award (2nd time) at 14th Visa Asia Pacific Security Summit, in India & South Asia category.

55. ▶ Industrial Awards (September 2018) -

- ✍ Panchpatmali bauxite mine of National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) won 5 awards at 20th Mines Environment and Mineral Conservation (MEMC) week, held under guidance of Indian Bureau of Mines.
- ✍ Kerala Tourism won 2 gold awards of Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) for its innovative marketing campaigns, in *Travel Advertisement Print* and *Travel Poster* categories.
- ✍ Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) became first ever metro rail corporation from India to win International 'Royal Society For The Prevention Of Accidents' (RoSPA) Award (Silver).
- ✍ Manatec, Pondicherry-based garage equipment manufacturer, won Innovation Award at Automechanika, a leading trade fair in Germany. It won for its innovation of JUMBO 3D – World's 1st 3D Wheel Aligner for Multi-Axle Trucks, Buses & Trailers.

56. ▶ Irish author Mike McCormack won the \$100000 International Dublin Literary Award 2018 for his novel *Solar Bones*. The novel is written in a single sentence which comes across as really accomplished storytelling. With €100000 cash, it is world's largest prize for a single novel published in English. *Solar Bones* Novel is told by a ghost on All Souls' Day and was turned away by major publishers as too uncommercial.

57. ▶ Jaipur-based poet and writer Sawai Singh Shekhawat will be honoured with Meera Puruskar by Rajasthan Sahitya Academy for his contribution to Hindi literature.

58. ▶ Jnanpith Awardee M T Vasudevan Nair won 2018's ONV Literary Prize, instituted in memory of iconic poet late O N V Kurup, for his contributions to Malayalam literature.

59. ▶ K.Anvar Sadath became first Indian to receive the International Contributions Award given by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), USA. He is vice chairman and executive director of the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) also known as IT@school Project.

60. ▶ Kerala's Cochin International Airport has been selected for the Champion of Earth Prize-2018.

- ✍ Cochin Airport a first in world to be fully powered by solar energy, with solar capacity to be increased to 40 MWp.

✍ CIAL stands 4th in country in terms of international traffic and seventh in total traffic has handled 10 million passengers in 2017-18.

61. ▶ Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at University of Pennsylvania School of Design (USA) awarded its 4th annual Carnot Prize to India's Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Coal (former Minister of Power), Recognising his work for bringing pathbreaking transformations in India's energy sector.

✍ Carnot Prize is named after French physicist Nicolas Sadi Carnot who recognised that power of the steam engine would “produce a great revolution” in human development.

✍ 2018 Carnot Prize Honors India's work towards mission *24x7 Affordable, Environment Friendly Power for all*.

✍ India has eliminated decades of darkness in more than 19,000 villages on 28th April, 2018.

✍ With Saubhagya Programme, last-mile connectivity to every household in the villages is being fast tracked, with 51% of the 3.1 crore rural households electrified.

✍ India's Massive thrust to green energy is reflected in India's 175 GW target by 2022, being world's largest renewable expansion programme with 72 GW already achieved.

✍ Carnot Prize recognises India's *solid footing to reach a 40% renewable mix by 2030*.

✍ In last 4 years, energy efficiency has become a people's movement in India, making the Government's UJALA scheme the world's largest LED distribution programme. 130 crore LED bulbs have been already distributed.

62. ▶ Madhya Pradesh has been awarded by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign (Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan-PMSMA), from 221 in 2011-13 to just 173.

63. ▶ Maharashtra government's 'Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2018 will be conferred on Vijay Patil, of music director duo Raam-Laxman. The annual award is declared on the birthday of the legendary singer, Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar, On her birthday (Sep 28).

64. ▶ Malayalam author Benyamin's novel Jasmine Days won JCB Prize for Literature, consisting a trophy and 25 lakhs as prize money. Benyamin, earlier won Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Aadujeevitham.

65. ▶ Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM) has been conferred with UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Award for his outstanding contribution towards prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and related Sustainable Development Goals..

✍ UNIATF on Prevention and Control of NCDs coordinates activities of relevant UN organizations and other inter-governmental organizations to support Governments to meet high-level commitments to respond to NCD epidemics worldwide.

66. ▶ Miss Paraguay Clara Sosa won Miss Grand International 2018 title at 6th edition of the beauty pageant in Yangon (Myanmar). Femina Miss Grand India 2018 Meenakshi Chaudhary named 1st runner-up.

67. ▶ Mohun Bagan Awards 2018 -

✍ Mohun Bagan Ratna - Pradip Chowdhury

✍ Best Footballer for 2017-18 - Shilton Paul (Goalkeeper)

✍ Best Cricketer - Sudip Chatterjee

✍ Best Youth Footballer - Sourav Das

✍ Special award - Rahim Ali (for his performance in U-17 World Cup)

68. ▶ National Sports Awards 2018 -

✍ Selection Committees Headed by -

✍ Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Awards - Justice Indermeet Kaur Kochhar

✍ Dronacharya Awards and Dhyana Chand Awards - Justice Mukul Mudgal

✍ Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar - Rahul Bhatnagar (Secretary (Sports)).

✍ MAKA Trophy - Ashok Kumar (former Olympian).

✍ Winners -

✍ Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna - (Given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four year)

S. No.	Name	Discipline
1.	Ms. S. Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting
2.	Virat Kohli	Cricket


✍ Dronacharya Awards (for coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events)






S. No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
	Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa	Boxing


	Vijay Sharma	Weightlifting
	A. Srinivasa Rao	Table Tennis
	Sukhdev Singh Pannu	Athletics
	Clarence Lobo	Hockey (Life Time)
	Tarak Sinha	Cricket (Life Time)
	Jiwan Kumar Sharma	Judo (Life Time)
	V.R. Beedu	Athletics (Life Time)


 Arjuna Awards 2018 (For consistency outstanding performance for four years)

 S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
	Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
	Naib Subedar Jinson Johnson	Athletics
	Hima Das	Athletics
	Nelakurthi Sikki Reddy	Badminton
	Subedar Satish Kumar	Boxing
	Smriti Mandhana	Cricket
	Shubhankar Sharma	Golf
	Manpreet Singh	Hockey
	Ms. Savita	Hockey
	Col. Ravi Rathore	Polo
	Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting
	Ankur Mittal	Shooting
	Shreyasi Singh	Shooting
	Manika Batra	Table Tennis
	G. Sathiyam	Table Tennis
	Rohan Bopanna	Tennis
	Sumit	Wrestling
	Pooja Kadian	Wushu
	Ankur Dhama	Para-Athletics
	Manoj Sarkar	Para-Badminton

 Dhyan Chand Award 2018 (For life time contribution to sports development)

 S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
	Satyadev Prasad	Archery
	Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
	Bobby Aloysius	Athletics
	Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling

 Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar (given to the corporate entities (both in private and public sector) and individuals who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development)

 S. No.	Category	Name of the entity
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding & Young Talent	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	JSW Sports
3.	Sports for Development	Isha Outreach

✍ Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2017-18 (Overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments) -
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

69. ▶ New York based Indian Writer Mimi Mondal become first Indian to be nominated for this year's Hugo awards, for best literary works of science fiction or fantasy in best related works category.

70. ▶ Nobel Laureate Child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi and ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar have been honored by *Santokbaa Humanitarian Award*.

71. ▶ Nobel Prizes 2018 -

✍ 2018 Winners -

Trade	Winners	Description
Physiology or Medicine	James P Allison (USA) and Tasaku Honjo (Japan)	For discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation
Physics	Arthur Ashkin (USA), Gerard Mourou (France) and Donna Strickland (Canada)	For groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics
Chemistry	(a) one half to Frances H. Arnold (USA) (b) other half jointly to George P. Smith (USA) and Sir Gregory P. Winter (UK)	(a) For directed evolution of enzymes (b) For phage display of peptides and antibodies
Peace	Denis Mukwege (Congo) and Nadia Murad (Iraq)	For efforts to end use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict. <i>Both these winners are also nominated for 2018's 'Mother Teresa Memorial Award.</i>
Economic Sciences	(a) William D. Nordhaus (USA) (b) Paul M. Romer (USA)	(a) For integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis (b) For integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis
Literature	<i>No Winners announced due to Sexual assault allegations. Postponed to 2019.</i>	

✍ Facts About Nobel prizes -

✍ In 2018, it was for first time in 70 years of Nobel Prizes, that no *Literature Prize* was given. It was announced by Swedish Academy after a recent sexual assault scandal. It has now been postponed to 2019.

✍ Background -

✍ Will of Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel established five Nobel prizes in 1895 - Chemistry, Literature, Peace, Physics, and Physiology or Medicine, first awarded in 1901.

✍ In 1968, Sweden's central bank Sveriges Riksbank established the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, which, although not being a Nobel Prize, has become informally known as *Nobel Prize in Economics*.

✍ Physics -

✍ Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

✍ 2 women have been awarded Physics Prize so far.

✍ Youngest - Australian-British physicist Lawrence Bragg (25 years age), awarded in 1915 together with his father.

✍ India's C. V. Raman was awarded Physics Nobel in 1930, For his work on scattering of light and for discovery of effect named after him.

✍ Chemistry

✍ Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

✍ 4 women have been awarded the Chemistry Prize so far.

✍ 1 person, Frederick Sanger, has been awarded the Chemistry Prize twice, in 1958 and in 1980.

✍ Youngest - France's Frédéric Joliot (35 years age), awarded in 1935.

✍ Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences

✍ Granted by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

✍ 1 woman has been awarded Prize in Economic Sciences so far, Elinor Ostrom, in 2009.

✍ Youngest - USA's Kenneth J. Arrow (51 years age), awarded in 1972.

✍ India's Amartya Sen was given Economic studies Nobel in 1998. For his contributions to welfare economics.

✍ Physiology or Medicine -

✍ Granted by Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute awards.

✍ 12 women have been awarded Medicine Prize so far.

✍ Youngest - Canada's Frederick G. Banting (32 years age), awarded in 1923 for discovery of insulin.

Literature -

▶ Granted by Swedish Academy.

▶ 14 women have been awarded Literature Prize so far.

▶ Youngest - UK's Rudyard Kipling (41 years age), known for Jungle Book.

▶ Rabindranath Tagore, Only Indian to receive Nobel Literature Prize so far (in 1913). He is also first Indian Nobel Laureate.

Peace -

▶ Granted by Norwegian Nobel Committee.

▶ 16 women have been awarded Nobel Peace Prize so far.

▶ Peace Prize Laureate Le Duc Tho (Vietnamese) declined his Nobel Peace Prize in 1973. He was awarded jointly with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, for negotiating Vietnam peace accord.

▶ Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan is youngest to win Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, at the age of 17.

▶ 2 Indian Person have been given Nobel Peace Prize so far. Mother Teresa (1979), Kailash Satyarthi (2014).

Indian Nobel Laureates -

▶ Rabindranath Tagore in 1913 (Literature)

▶ C.V. Raman in 1930 (Physics)

▶ Mother Teresa in 1979 (Peace)

▶ Amartya Sen in 1998 (Economic Studies)

▶ Kailash Satyarthi in 2014 (Peace)

72. ▶ Noted Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been honoured by European Union for strengthening Europe-India cultural ties.

73. ▶ Noted Bollywood actor Prem Chopra honoured with living legend prize at 25th annual Bharat Nirman awards.

74. ▶ Noted Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam selected for 2018 Sangita Kalanidhi award of Music Academy. She will preside over 92nd annual conference to be held in December 2018 to January 2019. Other awards -

▶ Sangita Kala Acharya award: - Mridangist Thanjavur R. Ramadoss and vocalist K. Oman Kutty.

▶ T.K. Awards - Veena player Kalyani Ganesan and nadaswaram player S.R.G. Rajanna.

▶ Musicologist award - Premeela Gurumurthy(Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu University).

▶ Nritiya Kalanidhi award - Shanta Dhananjayan.

75. ▶ Noted Indian actress Late Sridevi has been posthumously conferred with BRICS Business Forum Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement in Indian Cinema.

76. ▶ Noted Indian-Australian mathematician Akshay Venkatesh is among 4 winners of mathematics' prestigious Fields medal, known as the Nobel prize for maths. Each winner receives a 15,000 Canadian-dollar cash prize. Other three winners are: Caucher Birkar (Cambridge University professor of Iranian Kurdish origin), Germany's Peter Scholze and Italian mathematician Alessio Figalli.

77. ▶ Noted Odia Poet Ramakanta Rath is conferred with Odisha's highest literary award Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman for 2018. It carries a citation and cash prize of Rs 1 lakh. He was given the award for his life time contribution to Odia literature. iv. Apart from Mr.Rath, the Akademi also felicitated 15 other litterateurs of the state.

78. ▶ Noted Odia poet Satrugna Pandav will be honoured with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for his poetry collection 'Misra Dhrupad', to be awarded by Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT).

79. ▶ Noted Singer Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with Swara Mauli title by spiritual guru Vidya Narsimha Bharati Swami.

80. ▶ Noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon received National Kalidas Samman for visual arts from Madhya Pradesh government.

81. ▶ Noted children's writer Ramendra Kumar honoured at 36th International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Congress in Athens (Greece).

82. ▶ Noted jurist Fali S. Nariman has been awarded 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration. He is internationally recognised jurist on international arbitration. He has been awarded Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2007)and Gruber Prize for Justice (2002).

83. ▶ Noted music director Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi, famously known as Khayyam won 2018 Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement, by Maharashtra Govt.

84. ▶ Noted neurosurgeon B.K. Misra has been named for this year's prestigious Dr B.C. Roy National Award as an Eminent Medical Person of Year, given by Medical Council of India (since 1962). It will be given away by President Ram Nath Kovind on July 1 next year (National Doctors Day).


85. ▶ Noted singer Asha Bhosle honoured with 26th PC Chandra Puraskaar for contribution in the field of Indian music.

86. ▶ Odia hockey player Lilima Minz selected for Ekalavya Puraskar 2018 by Karnataka based by IMPaCT, social wing of IMFA. It comprises of a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation. 2 other sportswomen felicitated - Weight lifter Jhili Dalabehera and Badminton player Rutuparna Panda.
87. ▶ Olga Tokarczuk became First Author from Poland to win Man Booker International Prize, after she won 2018 title for her novel *Flights*, which charts multiple journeys in time, space and human anatomy. It was published in Polish language in 2007 and was translated into English in 2017 by Jennifer Croft.
- ▶ Man Booker International Prize is counterpart to Man Booker Prize for English-language novels presented by Man Group. It is open to books in any language that have been translated into English. It carries monetary award of £50,000 award which is split evenly between writer and translator.
88. ▶ PM Narendra Modi has been awarded the United Nations highest environmental honour 'Champions of the Earth' for his leadership of the band pledge to eliminate single-use plastic by 2022. Awards will be presented during Champions of the Earth Gala in New York, on sidelines of 73rd UN General Assembly. Other Awardees are -
- ▶ French President Emmanuel Macron.
 - ▶ India's Cochin International Airport - Awarded in Entrepreneurial Vision category. It is world's first fully solar-powered airport.
 - ▶ Joan Carling - Awarded lifetime achievement award as a prominent defender of environmental and indigenous rights.
 - ▶ Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods - Jointly recognised in Science and Innovation category.
 - ▶ China's Zhejiang's Green Rural Revival Programme - Awarded in inspiration and action category.
89. ▶ Pakistani Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai will be honored by Harvard University's 2018 Gleitsman Award award for her work in promoting girls' education. It provides 125,000 US dollars for activism that has improved quality of life around world.
90. ▶ Prajnesh Gunneswaran won T.K. Ramanathan award 2017-18 at by Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA).
91. ▶ Prema Gopalan has been honored with 8th Social Entrepreneur of the Year award (SEYO) 2018, for her work in promoting women's entrepreneurship and rural livelihood. She is the founder of Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP).
92. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards for 2013-2017 -
- ▶ 2013 - Najma Heptulla
 - ▶ 2014 - Hukmdev Narayan Yadav
 - ▶ 2015 - Ghulam Nabi Azad
 - ▶ 2016 - Dinesh Trivedi
 - ▶ 2017 - Bhartruhari Mahtab
93. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Visitor's Awards 2018, for Research in Basic and Applied Science, Humanities, Arts and Social Science.
- ▶ Sanjay K. Jain's - Development of a drug delivery system having the potential to make cancer treatment more effective and affordable.
 - ▶ Ashis Kumar Mukherjee – Research on molecular complexity of snake venom.
 - ▶ Ashwani Pareek – Development of a rice variety with potential to increase farm productivity and income of farmers.
 - ▶ Pramod K. Nayar – Work in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.
94. ▶ Raksha Mantri Nirmala Sitharaman conferred DRDO Awards 2016 & 2017 to various DRDO scientists, Including -
- ▶ V KSaraswat - DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award 2017
 - ▶ Vasudev Kalkunte Aatre - DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award 2016
 - ▶ G Sathesh Reddy - Technology Leadership Award 2016
 - ▶ P Sivakumar (*Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE) (Chennai) director*) -
 - ▶ YST Raju - Scientist of the Year 2016
 - ▶ S Pazhanikumar - Scientist of the Year 2017
 - ▶ *Navrachna* implementation programme was also launched during the event.
95. ▶ RedInk awards for excellence in journalism, by Mumbai Press Club -
- ▶ Lifetime achievement in journalism - British journalist William Mark Tully.
 - ▶ Journalist of the year - Faye D'Souze (Mirror Now channel).
 - ▶ Apart from these two awards, Redink awards for excellence in journalism are awarded in 13 categories to 32 journalists.
96. ▶ Retired English professional footballer David Beckham will be presented 2018 UEFA President's Award by European football's governing body.
97. ▶ Roopam Sharma, a 23-year old Indian scientist, won World Health Summit Startup award 2018 for invention of Manovue, world's first intelligent personal assisting system for visually impaired.


98. ▶ Russian Human rights activist Oyub Titiev became 6th Receptient of Council of Europe's Vaclav Havel prize, consisting 60,000-euro (\$67,000) cash prize, for his struggle defending human rights in troubled Russian Caucasus republic.
99. ▶ SK Arora (Delhi) has been awarded World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control.
100. ▶ Sikkim has been awarded UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Gold Award (Gold Prize) for its achievement in becoming the world's first totally organic agriculture state. Sikkim beat out 51 other nominees from around the world for the award. Policies from Brazil, Denmark and Quito (Ecuador) were jointly Silver Awardees.
101. ▶ Singer Asha Bhosle, Writer Samaresh Majumdar, Bengali Actor Prosenjit Chatterjee , Justice (Retd.) Shyamal Kumar Sen and Footballer Subrata Bhattacharya are awardees of Banga Bhushan Award this Year, the highest civilian award of West Bengal.
102. ▶ Smart Cities Awards 2018 -
- ▶ 9 awards in three categories - Project Award, Innovative Idea Award and City Award announced.
 - ▶ City award - Surat (Gujarat).
 - ▶ Innovative Idea award - Bhopal (Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) and Ahmedabad (Safe and Secure Ahmedabad (SASA) Project).
 - ▶ Project awards - Given to innovative and successful projects in seven categories
 - ▶ Governance - PMC Care from Pune.
 - ▶ Built Environment - Smart Place Making from Pune under
 - ▶ Social Aspects - Smart Class rooms from NDMC and Jabalpur, Smart Campus from Visakhapatnam, Lighthouse from Pune
 - ▶ Culture and Economy - B Nest Incubation Centre from Bhopal and Conservation of Rajasthan School of Arts from Jaipur
 - ▶ Urban environment - Public Bike Sharing from Bhopal, Pune, Coimbatore and Waste to Energy Plant in Jabalpur
 - ▶ Transport and Mobility - Integrated Transit Management System (TMS) from Ahmedabad and Surat
 - ▶ Water and Sanitation - Smart Water Management through SCADA from Ahmedabad
103. ▶ Social Activist Ulka Mahajan has been conferred with Praful Bidwai memorial award 2018.
- ▶ Award was instituted in memory of journalist and social activist "Praful Bidwai" who died in Amsterdam in 2015.
104. ▶ Social Entrepreneur Suheil F. Tandon won International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission Grant Award for his contribution to sports development. Suheil is the Founder of Pro Sport Development (PSD) and Executive Director of Martha Farrell Foundation.
105. ▶ Social network Firm Facebook selected 3 Indian women (among 115 selected globally) for \$1 million award as part of its Community Leadership Programme. They are Adhunika Prakash, Chetana Misra and Tamanna Dhamija, awarded \$50,000 in fellowship each.
- ▶ Adhunika Prakash - founded non-profit Breastfeeding Support for Indian Moms in Pune.
 - ▶ Chetana Misra - founded Mompreneurs India, community of like-minded women, allowing them to network, share knowledge and contacts and benefit from partnerships to start business and take it online.
 - ▶ Tamanna Dhamija - Created Baby Destination, that helps mothers exchange information and support one another.
106. ▶ Sri Lanka-born Canadian Author Michael Ondaatje's bestselling novel 'The English Patient' is announced as he winner of Golden Man Booker Prize in London. The prize was instituted as part of celebrations to mark Booker's having completed 50 years.
- ▶ He also made it to Man Booker Prize list with his latest novel *Warlight*. Organizers announced 13 books in long list for prestigious award, chosen from 171 submissions.
107. ▶ Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana announced Grammy-winning Hindustani classical music instrumentalist Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt as recipient of annual Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Bhatt is known for his Grammy award winning album "A Meeting by the River" with Ry Cooder.
108. ▶ Three Indian alumni of UK universities (Saumya Saxena, Ruchi Shah and Sushant Desai), have been awarded by British Council for their outstanding achievements and contribution to country.
- ▶ Saumya Saxena - *Professional Achievement Award*.
 - ▶ Ruchi Shah - *Social Impact Award*
 - ▶ Sushant Desai - *Entrepreneurial Award*
109. ▶ Three US scientists James Allison, Carl June and Steven Rosenberg are declared winners of 2018 Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research.
110. ▶ UEFA Awards 2018 -
- ▶ Croatia captain Luka Modric voted best player in Europe.
 - ▶ Best women's player award was won by Pernille Harder of Denmark and Wolfsburg.
 - ▶ 2018 UEFA President's Award was given to David Beckham, Johan Cruyff, Franz Beckenbauer, Eusebio and Sir Bobby Charlton.

111. ▶ UN 2018 UN Human Rights Prize -

 Rebeca Gyumi – activist for the rights of women and girls (Tanzania)

 Asma Jahangir (posthumously) – human rights lawyer (Pakistan).

 Joênia Wapichana (Joênia Batista de Carvalho) – activist for the rights of indigenous communities (Brazil)

 Front Line Defenders – organization advocating and working for the protection of human rights defenders (Ireland)

112. ▶ UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) conferred 2018 Nansen Refugee Award to South Sudanese surgeon Dr. Evan Atar Adaha, for his 20-year medical service to refugees of Sudan and South Sudan.

113. ▶ US-based Indian writer Sujatha Gidla won 2018 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for her debut book “Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family and the Making of Modern India”.

114. ▶ US-based Kathak dancer *Anindita Anaam* has been presented *Shri Jayadev Rastriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018* at *Jayadev International Dance Festival* in Bhubaneswar (Odisha).

115. ▶ USA awarded Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to Former Indian Army Chief Dalbir Singh Suhag, for exceptional service as chief of Indian Army. With this, he became 2nd Indian to get this award, first being General Rajendrasinghi Jadeja in 1946.

116. ▶ World Food Prize 2018 has been awarded to British Economist Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro (UK) for their contribution in elevating maternal and child undernutrition within food security. They will share \$250,000 prize equally.

117. ▶ World Konkani Centre honored writer and journalist H M Pernal with ‘Vimala V Pai Vishwa’ Konkani best book award for 2018, for ‘Beeg Ani Beegath’, a collection of short stories in Konkani.

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