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Awards

- ▶ 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 Shradha 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 Women's Prize for Fiction, previously known as Orange prize and Bailey's prize, has been won by British-Pakistani author Kamila Shamsie for her novel *Home Fire*.
- ▶ 65th National Film Awards -
 - ▶ Feature Film panel was headed by filmmaker Shekhar Kapur and Non- Feature Film panel was headed by Nakul Kamte.
 - ▶ Awards -

- 🎬 Dada Saheb Phalke Award - Vinod Khanna
- 🎬 Best Films -
 - 🎬 Feature Film - Village Rockstars (Assamese)
 - 🎬 Children's Film - 'Mhorkya'
 - 🎬 Film on Environmental Conservation - 'Irada'
 - 🎬 Best Direction: Jayaraj for 'Bhayanakam'
 - 🎬 Feature Film on National Integration: Dhappa (Marathi)
 - 🎬 Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion'
- 🎬 Best Director (Feature Film) - Jayaraj for Bhayanakam (Malayalam)
- 🎬 Best Director (Non-Feature Film) - Nagraj Manjule for Pavsacha Nibandh
- 🎬 Best Actress - Sridevi for 'Mom'
- 🎬 Best Actor - Riddhi Sen for 'Nagar Kirtan'
- 🎬 Special Jury Award (Feature) 'Nagarkirtan' (Bengali) directed.
- 🎬 Special Jury Award (Non-Feature) - A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings And Monday.
- 🎬 Best Lyrics - Muthurathinam
- 🎬 Best Music Direction - AR Rahman for 'Katra Veliyidayi'
- 🎬 Best Female Playback Singer - Sashaa Tirupati for 'Katra Veliyidayi'
- 🎬 Best Male Playback Singer - K.J Yesudas for song 'Poy Maranja Kalam' from 'Viswasapoorvam Mansoor'
- 🎬 Best Child Artist - Anita Das for 'Village Rockstar'
- 🎬 Best Regional Films -
 - 🎬 Hindi - Newton
 - 🎬 Ladakh - Walking With The Wind
 - 🎬 Lakshadwee - Sinjar
 - 🎬 Tulu - Paddayi
 - 🎬 Marathi - Kachcha Limboo
 - 🎬 Malayalam - Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum
 - 🎬 Kannada - Hebbettu Ramakka
 - 🎬 Bengali - Mayurakshi
 - 🎬 Assamese - Ishu
 - 🎬 Telugu - Ghazi
 - 🎬 Gujarati - Dhh
 - 🎬 Odiya: Hello Arsi
- 🎬 Other Awards -
 - 🎬 Best Editing - Rima Das for 'Village Rockstar'
 - 🎬 Best Action Direction - 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion'
 - 🎬 Best Choreography - Ganesh Acharya for 'Toilet Ek Prem Katha'
 - 🎬 Best Special Effects - 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion'
 - 🎬 Best Screenplay Original - Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum
 - 🎬 Best Screenplay Adapted - Bhayanakam
 - 🎬 Best Cinematography - Bhayanakam
 - 🎬 Indira Gandhi Award For Best Debut Film Of A Director in Feature Film Category - Jasari language movie 'Sinjar' directed by Pampally.
 - 🎬 Best Debut Film of a Director in the Non Feature Film category - 'Water Baby' directed by Pia Shah
 - 🎬 Best Film Critic award - Giridhar Jha
 - 🎬 Special Mention Award - Sunil Mishra
 - 🎬 Best Book on Cinema - *Matmagi Manipur - The first Manipuri Feature Film* authored by Bobby Wahengbam.
- 6. ▶ 71st British Academy Film Awards -
 - 🎬 The Shape of Water received max Nominations (12), while Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri received most awards (5)
 - 🎬 Best Film - Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (Also named *Best British Film*)
 - 🎬 Best Director - Guillermo del Toro (for *The Shape of Water*)
 - 🎬 Best Actor in a Leading Role - Gary Oldman (for *Darkest Hour*)
 - 🎬 Best Actress in a Leading Role - Frances McDormand (for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*)

- 🔗 Best Actor in a Supporting Role - Sam Rockwell (for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*)
- 🔗 Best Actress in a Supporting Role - Allison Janney (for *I, Tonya*)
- 🔗 Best Documentary - I Am Not Your Negro
- 🔗 Best Original Music - Alexandre Desplat (for *The Shape of Water*)
- 🔗 Best Non English Film -The Handmaiden (South Korea)
- 🔗 Best Animated Film - Coco
- 🔗 Best Short Film - Cowboy Dave
- 🔗 EE Rising Star Award - Daniel Kaluuya

7. ▶ 71st Cannes Film Festival 2018 -

- 🔗 Australian actress Cate Blanchett was President of the Jury for Main competition.
- 🔗 Winners -
 - 🔗 Palme d'Or (Best Film) - Japanese film *Shoplifters*, directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda.
 - 🔗 Grand Prix - *BlacKkKlansman* by Spike Lee
 - 🔗 Best Director - Pawel Pawlikowski (Poland) for *Cold War*
 - 🔗 Best Screenplay -
 - 🔗 Alice Rohrwacher for *Happy as Lazzaro*
 - 🔗 Jafar Panahi and Nader Saeivar for *3 Faces*
 - 🔗 Best Actress - Samal Yeslyamova (Kazakhstan) for *Ayka*
 - 🔗 Best Actor - Marcello Fonte (Italy) for *Dogman*
 - 🔗 Jury Prize - *Capernaum* by *Nadine Labaki*
 - 🔗 Special Palme d'Or - *The Image Book* by Jean-Luc Godard
- 🔗 Golden Camera (Caméra d'Or) - *Girl* by Lukas Dhont
- 🔗 Noted Bollywood actress Late Sridevi honoured with TITAN Reginald F Lewis Film Icon Award.
- 🔗 Chopard Trophy - Elizabeth Debicki and Joe Alwyn
- 🔗 L'Eil d'or - *Samouni Road* by Stefano Savona
- 🔗 Palm Dog -
 - 🔗 Palm Dog Award - Canine cast of *Dogman*
 - 🔗 Grand Jury Prize: Diamantino

8. ▶ 90th Academy Awards (known as Oscars) held at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood (California (US)).

- 🔗 Facts -
 - 🔗 Awards were presented in 24 categories by Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS).
 - 🔗 *The Shape of Water* won most number of awards (4), after being nominated into highest 13 categories.
- 🔗 Winners -
 - 🔗 Best Picture - *The Shape of Water*
 - 🔗 Best Actress - Frances McDormand for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*
 - 🔗 Best Actor - Gary Oldman for *Darkest Hour*
 - 🔗 Best Director - Guillermo del Toro for *The Shape of Water*
 - 🔗 Best Supporting Actress - Allison Janney for *I, Tonya*
 - 🔗 Best Supporting Actor - Sam Rockwell for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*
 - 🔗 Best Original Song - *Remember Me* from *Coco*.
 - 🔗 Best Foreign Language Film - Spanish Film *A Fantastic Woman* (Chile)
 - 🔗 Best Visual Effects - *Blade Runner 2049*.
 - 🔗 Best Animated Feature Film - *Coco*.
 - 🔗 Best Animated Short Film - *Dear Basketball*.
 - 🔗 Best Documentary (Feature) - *Icarus*
 - 🔗 Best Documentary (Short Subject) - *Heaven is a Traffic Jam on the 405*
 - 🔗 Best Live Action Short Film - *The Silent Child*


9. ▶ Actor Kalki Koechlin has been conferred with French distinction of *Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres)* for her contribution in enhancing Indo-French ties in cinema.

10. ▶ Actress Anushka Sharma will be awarded Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award by Mumbai-based *Dadasaheb Phalke Foundation* organisation. Note that it is different from Government of India instituted Dadasaheb Phalke Award, given during National Awards

ceremony held annually.

11. ▶ Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus will be awarded annual Mark Twain award for American Humor from John F. Kennedy Centre of Performing Arts.
12. ▶ All India Football Federation (AIFF) Awards 2018 -
 - ▶ Player of the Year -Sunil Chettri
 - ▶ Woman Player of the Year - Kamala Devi
 - ▶ Best Grassroots Development Programme - Kerala
 - ▶ Emerging Player of the Year - Anirudh Thapa
 - ▶ Emerging Woman Footballer of the Year - E Panthoi
13. ▶ American activist Jane Fonda will be awarded Lumiere Award 2018 in Lyon (France). Lumiere Festival is largest international festival of classic cinema.
14. ▶ Architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi became first Indian to win the Pritzker Prize, highest award in architecture. Doshi's most noted works include a low-cost housing project in Indore which accommodates 80000 people. This award is announced by Tom Pritzker of the Chicago-based Hyatt Foundation.
15. ▶ 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.
16. ▶ 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
17. ▶ BCCI panel recommended former India women's team captain Diana Edulji for CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award. Former India opener late Pankaj Roy will also be awarded posthumously.
18. ▶ 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.
19. ▶ Bradley Cooper will receive 32nd annual American Cinematheque Award by The Hollywood organisation.
20. ▶ Britain's Queen Elizabeth II recognised Srishti Bakshi from India as 26th Commonwealth Point of Light in honour of her exceptional service to empowering women in India. Srishti is founder of the CrossBow Miles movement.
21. ▶ Central Banking's 5th annual awards -
 - ▶ Bank of Canada - Central Bank of the Year
 - ▶ Other winners -
 - ▶ Transparency - Central Bank of Ireland
 - ▶ Reserve manager of the year - Bank of Korea
 - ▶ Banknote and currency manager of the year - Norges Bank
 - ▶ Economics in central banking - Alberto Cavallo and Roberto Rigobon – Billion Prices Project/PriceStats.
 - ▶ Asset manager of the year - BlackRock
 - ▶ Innovation in reserve management - HSBC
 - ▶ Securities lending services provider of the year - Northern Trust
 - ▶ Banknote and currency services provider of the year - Landqart

 Risk management services provider of the year - Openlink

22. ▶ 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).
23. ▶ 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.
24. ▶ Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Awards 2018 (Note that it is different from Government of India instituted Dadasaheb Phalke Award, given during National Awards ceremony held annually) -
 -  Best actor (male) - Shahid Kapoor
 -  Best actor people's choice award - Ranveer Singh
 -  Entertainer of the year - Kartik Aryan
 -  Best actress (critics) - Aditi Rao Hydari
 -  Lifetime achievement award - Simi Grewal
 -  Pride of Indian cinema - Sanjay Dutt
 -  Best director - Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari
 -  Outstanding performance - male - Raj Kumar Rao, Rana Daggubati
 -  Outstanding performance - female - Tamannah Bhatia, Kriti Sanon
 -  Best actor (male) Marathi - Vaibhav Tatwawadi
 -  Best actor (female) Marathi - Pooja Sawant
 -  Best comic role: Tusshar Kapoor
 -  Best lyricist - Manoj Muntashir
 -  Iconic contribution towards music: Hans Raj Hans
 -  Versatile singer: Rani Hazarika
 -  Best performance in a short film - Divya Khosla Kumar
 -  Path breaking producer of the year - Anushka Sharma and Karnesh Sharma
25. ▶ Egyptian photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid popularly known as Shawkan, will be awarded United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) World Press Freedom Prize for 2018. He was arrested in August 2013 for covering deadly demonstration at Rabaa Al-Adawiya Square in Cairo (Egypt's capital) between security forces and supporters of ousted Islamist president Mohammed Morsi.
26. ▶ 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).
27. ▶ Fiji's Indian-origin former Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry has been selected for V K Krishna Menon Award for his contribution to Indian diaspora.
28. ▶ Filmmaker Ramesh Sippy will be awarded first *Raj Kapoor Award for Excellence in Cinema*, instituted by Asian Centre for Entertainment Education (ACEE) and other International Organizations. Ramesh Sippy will be presented with this honour at *Elevate 2K18* in Mumbai.
29. ▶ Former Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf won Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership, which is awarded to a democratically-elected outstanding African leader who served their stipulated term and finished their term within last 3 years. She is first female leader to receive this award.
30. ▶ 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).
31. ▶ Gujarati poet and playwright Sitanshu Yashaschandra has been chosen for 2017 Saraswati Samman (27th) for his collection of verses (poetry) titled *Vakhar*, published in 2009.
32. ▶ Indian Actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha is honoured with a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the fields of arts and politics at a ceremony in UK's Parliament complex, under annual *Political and Public Life Awards* by Britain's Asian Voice weekly newspaper.
33. ▶ 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).

34. ▶ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) won 2017 Kochon Prize for building tradition of excellence in Tuberculosis (TB) research and development. It was awarded for establishing India TB Research Consortium to accelerate R&D efforts in the country.
35. ▶ 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)
36. ▶ Indian activists Mirnalini Dayal and Yogesh Kumar have been selected among 20 finalists for Commonwealth Youth Awards 2018 for their contribution towards achieving gender equality. Mirnalini Dayal is chosen for her work as a campaign leader for 'Health Over Stigma', while Yogesh Kumar is shortlisted for establishing social enterprise *Even Cargo*.
37. ▶ Indian actress Simi Garewal received *UK Golden Flame Award* at Tongues of Fire UK Asian Film Festival in London.
38. ▶ 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.
39. ▶ Indian engineer Vikas Sathaye has been honoured with Scientific and Engineering Academy Award at Oscars Scientific and Technical Awards 2018 in Los Angeles (USA), for his contribution towards conceptualisation, design and implementation of *Shotover K1 Camera System* during his stint at Shotover Camera Systems in New Zealand.
40. ▶ Indian princess Sophia Alexandra Duleep Singh honoured with a Royal Mail stamp of the UK to mark centenary of suffragette movement.
- ▶ Sophia, daughter of Maharaja Duleep Singh, is only woman to have 1 of 8 stamps to herself. Image on stamp shows her selling copies of a Suffragette newspaper in 1913.
41. ▶ Indian-origin Harry Athwal is among 11 winners of 2018's *Pride of Birmingham's Outstanding Bravery Award*, for risking his life in order to help a fatally injured young boy in 2017 Barcelona terror attack.
42. ▶ 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.
43. ▶ 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.

44. ▶ 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.

45. ▶ Industrial Awards in Feb 2018 -

- ✎ Reliance Industries (RIL) is awarded Golden Peacock Award 2017 for corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives.
- ✎ Tata Steel named *most ethical company* in 2018 by Ethisphere Institute, for 6th time in *Metals, Minerals and Mining* category.
- ✎ Morning Grocery Delivery Service Milkbasket is named as *Startup of the Year 2017* award at 7th Small Business Awards in New Delhi, organised by Franchise India Group.
- ✎ Sanjiv Bajaj (Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv) is named as *EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017*. EY presented awards in 9 other categories also for *Entrepreneur of the Year Programme*. Bajaj will represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) in June 2018 in Monaco.

46. ▶ 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.

47. ▶ 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.
48. ▶ 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.
49. ▶ 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.
50. ▶ Madhya Pradesh is named as *Most Film Friendly State* for its efforts Including creating a well-structured web site, film friendly infrastructure, offering incentives etc. Jury was headed by Ramesh Sippy. Uttarakhand is given a Special Mention Certificate to recognize efforts made by State towards creating a film friendly environment. Awards will be conferred along with National Film Awards on May 3, 2018.
51. ▶ Malayalam film personality Sreekumaran Thampi received J.C. Daniel Award in recognition of his contributions to Malayalam film industry.
52. ▶ 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)
53. ▶ Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) committee will bestow V. Shantaram lifetime achievement Award to noted producer and director Shyam Benegal. It includes a trophy, cash price of 10 lakh rupees, a certificate and a shawl.
54. ▶ Nadiya Shafi, video reporter from Srinagar received 2018's 'Martha Farrell Award for Excellence in Women's Empowerment', for her contribution to gender equality. It has been instituted in memory of Dr. Martha Farrell, an eminent activist for gender equality and women's empowerment.
55. ▶ 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.
56. ▶ Nobel Laureate Child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi and ISRO Chairman A S Kiran Kumar have been honored by *Santokbaa Humanitarian Award*.
57. ▶ Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters named Canadian mathematician Robert Langlands as winner of Abel Prize 2018, regarded as Nobel Prize in mathematics. He will receive 6 million Norwegian kroner (\$776,000) from Norway's King Harald V.
58. ▶ Noted Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been honoured by European Union for strengthening Europe-India cultural ties.
59. ▶ Noted Bollywood actor Dharmendra will be conferred with Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award and filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani will be conferred with Raj Kapoor Special Contribution award. These awards are instituted by Maharashtra state government, given away at 55th Maharashtra state Marathi Film Festival.
60. ▶ Noted Bollywood actor Prem Chopra honoured with living legend prize at 25th annual Bharat Nirman awards.
61. ▶ 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.
62. ▶ Noted Indian actress Late Sridevi has been posthumously conferred with BRICS Business Forum Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement in Indian Cinema.
63. ▶ 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.
64. ▶ Noted Singer Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with Swara Mauli title by spiritual guru Vidya Narsimha Bharati Swami.
65. ▶ Noted actor Amol Palekar has been honoured with the 'Godavari Gaurav' award in Nashik (Maharashtra), by Nashik-based 'Kusumagraj Prathishthan'.
66. ▶ Noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon received National Kalidas Samman for visual arts from Madhya Pradesh government.
67. ▶ Noted journalist Karan Thapar has been honored with G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for journalism.

68. ▶ Noted lyricist Javed Akhtar received *Shanti Doot* award by Sankat Mochan Hanuman Mandir Trust in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).
69. ▶ Noted singer Asha Bhosle honoured with 26th PC Chandra Puraskaar for contribution in the field of Indian music.
70. ▶ Odisha Government won *Geospatial World Excellence Award-2018* for successful IT application for tracking of mineral production, dispatch and value accrued on real-time basis through its i3MS web-based software. Award was presented at Geospatial World Forum Meeting IN Hyderabad.
71. ▶ 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.
72. ▶ PM Narendra Modi honoured Manipur's Karang as first cashless island of country. Due to efforts of administration, various processes have been digitized and automated, with more transparency. Other honours/awards -
- ▶ Banka district administration in Bihar – Reinventing education using technology.
 - ▶ Assam's Dhemaji and Telangana's Karimnagar – best implementation of 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana'.
 - ▶ Himachal Pradesh's Kangra and Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch – Best implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin).
73. ▶ Prajnesh Gunneswaran won T.K. Ramanathan award 2017-18 at by Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA).
74. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards -
- ▶ 3 Kirti Chakras -
 - ▶ Pramod kumar (posthumous)
 - ▶ Giris gurung (posthumous)
 - ▶ Preetam Singh Kunwar
 - ▶ 13 Shaurya Chakras -
 - ▶ Gosavi Kunal Munnagir (posthumous)
 - ▶ Raghubeer Singh (posthumous)
 - ▶ Kashmir singh
 - ▶ Shabir ahmed
 - ▶ Vikash jakhar
 - ▶ Riyazalam ansari
 - ▶ Deepak ale
 - ▶ Pradeep shoury aya
 - ▶ Manchu
 - ▶ Rabindra thapa
 - ▶ Narender singh
 - ▶ Akhil raj rv
 - ▶ Devendra Mehta Param
 - ▶ 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals
 - ▶ 2 UttamYudhSeva Medals
 - ▶ 2 Bar to Ati Vishisht Seva Medals
 - ▶ 26 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals
75. ▶ 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.
76. ▶ Pulitzer Prizes 2018 (annual award for achievements in journalism, literature, and musical composition in USA) -
- ▶ Letters, Drama & Music -
 - ▶ Fiction - *Less*, by Andrew Sean Greer.
 - ▶ Drama - *Cost of Living*, by Martyna Majok.

- ✍ History - *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*, by Jack E. Davis (Liveright/W.W. Norton).
- ✍ Biography or Autobiography - *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, by Caroline Fraser
- ✍ Poetry - *Half-light: Collected Poems 1965-2016*, by Frank Bidart.
- ✍ General Nonfiction - *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America* by James Forman Jr
- ✍ Music - Kendrick Lamar. He is first rapper in history to receive Pulitzer Prize in music for his album *Damn*.

✍ Journalism -

- ✍ Public Service - New York Times.
- ✍ Breaking News Reporting - Staff of The Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, Calif.
- ✍ Investigative Reporting - The Washington Post
- ✍ Explanatory Reporting - The Arizona Republic and USA Today Network
- ✍ Local Reporting - The Cincinnati Enquirer Staff
- ✍ National Reporting - New York Times and Washington Post
- ✍ International Reporting - Clare Baldwin, Andrew R.C. Marshall and Manuel Mogato of Reuters
- ✍ Feature Writing - Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah, freelance reporter, GQ
- ✍ Commentary - John Archibald of Alabama Media Group, Birmingham, Ala.
- ✍ Criticism - Jerry Saltz of New York magazine
- ✍ Editorial Writing - Andie Dominick of The Des Moines Register.
- ✍ Editorial Cartooning - Jake Halpern, freelance writer and Michael Sloan, freelance cartoonist, New York Times.
- ✍ Breaking News Photography - Ryan Kelly of The Daily Progress
- ✍ Feature Photography - Photography Staff of Reuters

77. ▶ 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 Satheesh 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.

78. ▶ 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.


79. ▶ Siddharth Varadarajan, founding editor of *The Wire* won Shorenstein Journalism Award, given annually by Stanford University's Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center.

80. ▶ 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.


81. ▶ 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

82. ▶ 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.

83. ▶ 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*

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

85. ▶ USA Conferred *Academy Award for Nobel Peace* on Ketzia David Prakasam, an Indian philanthropist and social worker in Coimbatore. Ketzia is the first Indian woman to receive this award.

86. ▶ West Bengal's Digambarpur Gram Panchayat (GP) won Central Govt's award for best Gram Panchayat in country, as per a survey conducted by Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Additionally, Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district has been shortlisted for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's excellence award for promoting digital payments and cashless economy.

87. ▶ 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.

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